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hundred miles of Shamokin. Mr. Seiler has been gradually retiring from the active work of the business. He has proved his worth by his efficient services in a number of corporations whose very existence has meant a great deal to the development of Shamokin. He is vice president of the Guarantee Safe Deposit & Trust Company, of which he was an organizer and first treasurer; president of the Shamokin Street Railway Company; president of the Board of Trade; vice president and one of the organizers of the Anthracite Fire Insurance Company; treasurer of the West Ward Building & Loan Association; treasurer and one of the organizers of the Black Diamond Building & Loan Association; and a leading member of the Anthracite Association, which was organized in 1898 to promote the sale of anthracite and to secure reasonable prices for same. He is a Republican, and has served in the council. He is an elder in St. John's Reformed Church.

In 1869 Mr. Seiler was married to Caroline Bower, daughter of Michael Bower, of Lower Mahanoy township; Three children have been born to them: One died in infancy; Cora B. married Dr. Richard H. Simmons, of Shamokin; Lula is at home.

CHARLES H. SHULTZ, master carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been in the service of that company continuously since 1884, and has been at his present location since the year 1901. He was born July 24, 1846, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of Henry Shultz, a native of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and a descendant of an old and distinguished Berks county family.

The Shultzes (or Shultzes) were among the adherents of the religious sect known as Schwenkfelders, founded by Kaspar Schwenkfeld (1490-1561), a Silesian nobleman and mighty factor in the Reformation, who settled in Hereford township, Berks county, and the adjoining region of upper Montgomery and western Lehigh counties. They trace their lineage to one Mathias Schultz, who was born in 1612, lived through the Thirty Years' war and died in 1682, in his seventieth year, at Lower Harpersdorf, in what was then the principality (now a government district) of Liegnitz, Silesia. His son, Melchior Schultz, is said to have been born in 1647, and died in 1708, leaving among other children two sons, Melchior (1680-1734) and Balthaser (1682-1727). Both of these sons died in Saxony, the former at Berthelsdorf, about two months before the emigration to this country, then being contemplated. Melchior Schultz (1680-1734) was the father of George, Melchior and Rev. Christopher Schultz, all of whom married. The son Melchior married twice, but had no children by either wife. De-

scendants of the other two sons still flourish in Berks county. The widow of Balthaser Schultz, Susanna (Dieterich), and her four children, George, Susanna, Maria and Barbara, accompanied about forty other followers of Kaspar Schwenkfeld to America in 1734.

The Shultzes here under consideration come from the foregoing source. Governor Shultz of Pennsylvania was of the same stock. The great-grandfather of Charles H. Shultz was known as "Squire" Shultz and was a man of prominence in his day. A portrait of him done in India ink, and in typical Colonial style, portrays him standing in front of a high writing desk, goose-quill in hand, a high stool by his side, and pictures him as a man of dignified and honorable mien. This portrait is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Charles H. Shultz, of Sunbury, who also has excellent likenesses of his paternal grandparents done in India ink.

Henry Schultz, grandfather of Charles H., lived in the vicinity of Womelsdorf, Berks county, in what was known locally as the "Schmaltz Goss," and there died at the age of forty-five years. He is buried at Womelsdorf. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Association. By trade he was a tailor, and he also acted as nurse among the sick, occasionally. His wife, Christian (Miller), long survived him, living to be nearly ninety years old. They had the following family: Henry, father of Charles H. Shultz; Samuel, a tailor and merchant, who lived at Schuylkill Haven; Rebecca, Mrs. Hackman; Maria, Mrs. William Shaner; and Susan, Mrs. Jacob Snyder.

Henry Shultz was born at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and lived for many years in Schuylkill county. He was a prosperous carpenter and contractor at Schuylkill Haven, that county, building a large number of houses, churches, schools and other buildings at that place and in the adjoining territory, among others the Methodist and Evangelical churches at Pine Grove. He gave employment to as many as ten men. A prominent member of the United Brethren Church at Schuylkill Haven, he was regular in attendance on church worship and served as trustee of that congregation. Mr. Shultz died May 20, 1909, at Harrisburg, Pa., in his eighty-seventh year, and he and his wife Catharine (Geiger) are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading, Berks county. She was a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Moyer) Geiger, of near Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz had four children: Samuel, who is deceased; Charles H.; John A., of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Irvin, who died in infancy in 1864.

Charles H. Shultz was educated in the schools of Schuylkill Haven, whither his parents moved when he was but nine months old. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has ever since followed, since 1884 in the







service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He has been stationed at different places, having been at Reading and Harrisburg before his assignment to Sunbury, in 1901. At Reading he was assistant master carpenter for a period of sixteen years, and throughout his location in Sunbury has been master carpenter there, having a force of sixty men. He has a high reputation as a mechanic, and in the discharge of his present responsible duties has proved himself possessed of excellent executive ability as well. He is a worthy representative of an honorable old family and thoroughly respected by all who know him. At the time of the threatened invasion of Pennsylvania in the Civil war he was in the Union service for ninety days as a member of Company I, 39th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1867 Mr. Shultz married Ellen Koch, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Heiser) Koch, of Schuylkill county, and to them have been born three children: (1) Katie is the wife of Rev. Andrew Smith, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and theological seminary, and now a minister of the Reformed Church, stationed at York, Pa. (2) Harry, who died Dec. 20, 1910, was a trainmaster in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Harrisburg. (3) Mamie died when nine months old.

**FAIRCHILD.** There are few names in the upper section of Northumberland county better known than that of Fairchild. The brothers Solomon and Abram Fairchild, the former now living retired, the latter recently deceased, were for years among the most prosperous farmers of Chillisquaque township, where Solomon Fairchild still resides. Farming always claimed their principal attention, but they also interested themselves in the various industrial and financial institutions of the county, so that they were associated with much of the progress of the region in other respects as well; and they made and maintained a high reputation for business sagacity and judgment, for intelligent foresight and enterprise of the most commendable quality.

The Fairchilds are of a Luzerne county family. John Fairchild, their grandfather, lived and died at Newport, Luzerne county, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith. He married Mary Van Dine, of Holland.

Solomon Fairchild, son of John, was born Oct. 17, 1783, in Luzerne county, and learned the trade of his father, which was his occupation for many years. He also engaged in farming. He died in 1854. On Jan. 19, 1806, he married Elizabeth Lutsey, like himself a native of Luzerne county, born May 23, 1789, who died in 1839. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fairchild reared a large family, as

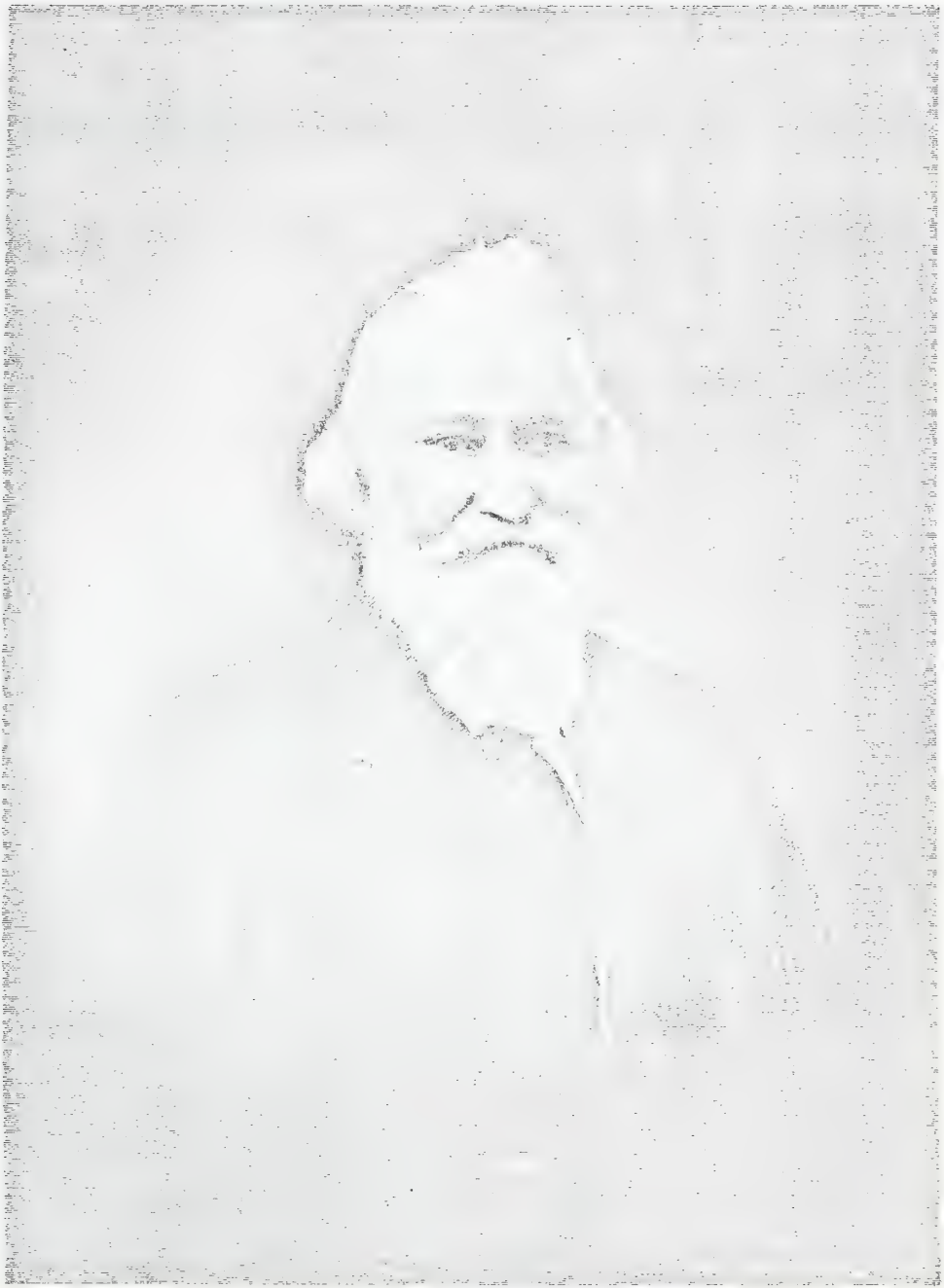
follows: Polly, born June 28, 1807, who was married April 3, 1821, to Daniel Vandemark and died in 1826; Annie, born May 31, 1809, who married Henry Styer in 1825 and died in 1844; Margaret, born May 14, 1811, who married John Rosencrantz in March, 1830; John, born Feb. 19, 1813, who married Martha Line in 1836; Rosannah, born May 21, 1815, who married Cornelius Styer, of Montour county, in 1833; William, born May 13, 1817; Elizabeth, born May 16, 1819, who married Peter Kutz, and died in 1871; Priscilla, born Aug. 31, 1821, who married Matthias Raisley, of Butler county, Pa.; Solomon, born May 15, 1823; Isabella, born June 16, 1825, who married Ziba Kramer, of Iowa; Martha, born June 10, 1828, who died in 1835; Emily, born Dec. 29, 1830, who died in 1834, and Abram, born Dec. 25, 1832.

**SOLOMON FAIRCHILD** was born near Nanticoke, in Luzerne county, May 15, 1823, was reared in his native county and received his education there in the public schools. He followed farming throughout his active years. Moving to Northumberland county from Luzerne in 1874, he settled at his present home, near Milton, purchasing the Creasy farm from Daniel Fisher. It contains 114 acres of excellent land, and there Mr. Fairchild has ever since made his home. He remodeled the buildings soon after taking possession, and has made numerous improvements on the place which make it one of the most desirable and valuable country homes in that neighborhood. Throughout his active years as an agriculturist Mr. Fairchild stood foremost among the progressive farmers of his locality, his success being recognized as the result of the most intelligent management backed by well directed energy. He may well be classed among those who have made farming what it is today—the most valuable practical science of the age. Mr. Fairchild was long a director of the First National Bank of Milton, and he was likewise interested in the administration of local public affairs, serving as school director and in other township offices in Luzerne county. He is a Republican in political faith. Honored and respected by all who know him, he is a citizen whose life has been a credit to the community in which it has been lived.

On Dec. 23, 1852, Mr. Fairchild was married to Emily Lines, daughter of Abram Lines, of Luzerne county. She died in 1853. On April 29, 1856, Mr. Fairchild married Sarah Robbins, who was born in 1834, daughter of Jonathan Robbins, of Luzerne county, and died in 1897. Eight children were born to this union: Ambrose, now living in Union county, who married Ada L. Dunkel (children: Solomon, Helen, Blanch, deceased, Edward, Hunter, Donald and Christine); Franklin P.; George W., who married Julia Rishel (they had children, Sarah, Leo, deceased, Pearl,







Abram Fairchild









*Solomon Fairchild*





George A., Kate and Lester); Solomon L., who married Mary L. Pontius (they had children, Roy P. and Sarah R.); Sarah Elizabeth, who married C. C. Brown, of Chambersburg, Pa.; Linda May, at home; Minnie, living in Pittsburg, Pa.; and Grace D., who married Harry Stein, of Lewisburg, Pa. Mr. Fairchild and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Milton.

ABRAM FAIRCHILD was born Dec. 25, 1832, in Luzerne county, and was there reared and educated. He made farming his occupation, and followed it in his native county until the year 1874, when he removed to Northumberland county and settled upon the farm in West Chillisquaque township, where he continued to make his home until his death. He followed farming until his retirement, in 1905, with the success which has made this name a synonym for all that is best in agriculture in this region. Moreover, he always encouraged, by word and support, enterprises which promised to benefit the locality generally, as his connection with various important local institutions goes to show. He was until his decease a director of the First National Bank of Milton; a director of the Union National Bank, of Lewisburg; a stockholder in the Milton Knitting Company; in the Milton Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and in the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association. No man in the district was more prominently identified with its progress, and his personal popularity was ample evidence that his efforts were recognized as unselfish and appreciated by his fellow citizens. After coming to Northumberland he took no part in public life, but while in Luzerne county he served two years as supervisor, two years as constable, and nine years as township auditor. He was a Republican in political matters. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his family also belong. He died May 20, 1911, and was buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton.

In 1854 Mr. Fairchild married Hannah Miller, who was born in 1834, daughter of Barnet Miller, and died in 1905. She is buried in the Lower cemetery at Milton, where a fine monument marks her resting place. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild: (1) Eudora is deceased. (2) Elizabeth married E. F. Colvin and lives at Milton, Pa. Their children are: Abraham, who married Mary Savage and has two children; Martin; Ruth; Dora, who married William Hasenkleeck, and has one child, Colvin; and Dix Colvin. (3) Annie M., wife of John D. Derr, of Steelton, Pa., has three children, Hannah, Cramer and Margaret. (4) Milton O., a farmer, of Union county, Pa., married Margaret Rissel, and they have four children, Barnet (married to Mary Grove and had one child, Christine, deceased), James R., Elmer and Margaret. (5) Elmer died when six years old. (6) Mary married Eyer Spyker and

lives at Lewisburg. They have three children, Maria, Baker and Elizabeth. (7) Angus A., who lives on the homestead, married Annie Auten, a sister of Judge Auten, of Northumberland county, and has four children, Myron, DeWitt, Anna and Abram, Jr. (8) Clara J. married O. B. Grancell, and they have two children, Fairchild and Ruth. (9) Milo Wesley died when twenty-four years old. He married Mary J. McCurdy and had one son, Thomas. (10) Benjamin died when three years old.

CULLEN FRAZER SHIPMAN, legal practitioner of Sunbury, is one of the prominent young men of that borough, where he has become well established in his profession during the comparatively short period of his practice. He is connected with the foremost fraternity and club circles of the city and enjoys high standing among a wide acquaintanceship.

Mr. Shipman was born Jan. 11, 1874, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and was reared there. He received his early training on the farm, meantime attending the district school, and at the early age of sixteen he began teaching the school in which he had formerly been a pupil, in the home neighborhood. During the several terms he taught there he continued his studies, by himself and as a student at the Pennsylvania State normal school, at Millersville, and the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pa., which he attended in the spring terms, after the common schools had closed. In the fall of 1894 he entered the freshman class of Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove (formerly known as the Missionary Institute), where he completed the first two years of his college course. He then entered the junior class at Bucknell College, where he finished his classical course, graduating in 1899, in the first rank. Immediately afterward he took up the study of law in the office of the late Hon. S. P. Wolverton, in Sunbury, and he was admitted to practice in the courts of Northumberland county June 23, 1902, since when he has devoted all his time to legal practice. He was admitted to the Supreme court of the State May 21, 1906. His office has been at Sunbury throughout this time, and he has built up an extensive patronage, in general legal work, receiving his share of the local law business. He represented the appellant company in the case of the Shamokin Wagon Works against the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, in which a point of law not formerly settled in Pennsylvania, on question of agency, was decided in favor of his client. Mr. Shipman is a member of the Northumberland County Bar Association, and socially he is a member and secretary of the Bucknell Alumni Club of Sunbury; member and past president of the Americans Club; member of the Sunbury Board of Trade; and member of





Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; he had the honor of opening the first meeting of that lodge held in the new Masonic temple at No. 220 Market street, in April, 1910. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 25, 1909, Mr. Shipman married Effa Savage, daughter of Dr. Robert H. and Adelia F. (Garinger) Savage, of Sunbury, and granddaughter of Charles Garinger, of Sunbury, who conducted the "Shamokin Dam House" in that borough.

**MASSER.** The Masser family, to which the late Dr. Franklin B. Masser, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, belonged, as also the late Jacob C. Masser and his younger brother, Felix C. Masser, both of Upper Mahanoy township, the latter still engaged in farming and a large land owner, was established in Berks county, Pa., in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Matthias Masser, the first of this family to come to America, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and in an early day settled in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed farming and at the time of his death owned a plantation. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Berger, was a native of Switzerland, and they are buried side by side at Zion's Church, known locally as Alsace Church. His death occurred July 20, 1797, in Alsace township, but no date of her death is given. His last will and testament, made Dec. 12, 1795, and signed "Mathias Maaser," states "I am old in years." It was witnessed by Jacob Young and John Spyker, and was probated soon after his death. His seven children were: Jacob, Johannes, Henry, Abraham, Maria, Esther and Christian (deceased wife of Jacob Clauser; they had one child).

The early Massers worshipped with the German Reformed denomination and were identified with the Spiess and Jacksonwald Churches, at which many of the name are buried. The family is still quite numerous in Berks county, some of its members still living in the locality where the emigrant ancestor settled, and in 1909 there were nine adult members of the family in the city of Reading. Augustus W. Masser, a seed merchant of that city, bears a strong physical resemblance to Felix C. Masser, of Northumberland county.

Johannes Masser, son of Matthias, was a native of Berks county and settled in the western part of Schuylkill county, Pa., near the Northumberland county line, taking up a large tract of land and following farming. The farm now owned by Joel Schlegel, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, was his property. He married Margaretha Fick (Fickin), also a native of Berks county, born April 21, 1772, who died Sept. 30, 1847, and she is buried at St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church. His burial place is not known. They were both Ger-

man Reformed members of St. Jacob's Church. It is known that Mr. Masser was a tall man, and his wife was a typical member of a family noted for strength. They had the following children: Ferdinand, who was an extensive farmer, lived near Uniontown, Pa.; John, who was a very rich man at one time, lived at various places and died at Gratz, Pa.; Jacob is mentioned below; Maria Magd. (1802-1880) married Charles Reiner (1799-1878).

Jacob Masser, son of Johannes, was born Oct. 29, 1812, on his father's farm, where he was reared. He lived and died on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Felix C. Masser, to whom he willed it, a property consisting of 128 acres of rolling, fertile land, on the south side of Line Mountain in Upper Mahanoy township, a half mile from the Schuylkill county line. This place was once the homestead of the pioneer Jacob Wagner (1725-1802). Jacob Masser was not only a successful farmer but also an excellent mechanic, in which line he was particularly well known. He learned the carpenter's trade and being called upon to make many coffins followed undertaking also, conducting many funerals in his day. He made considerable furniture, of all kinds, and his son Felix has a cupboard of his make which is a most creditable sample of his workmanship. He made a cupboard for each of his daughters. Late in the forties he built the barn which stands on the farm, and he also built a part of the present residence there. In politics he was a well known Democrat and he filled the office of supervisor in his township. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church, which he served a number of years as deacon and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. He died May 29, 1895, after a life of over eighty-three years in which he had enjoyed unusually good health, having been sick but once, shortly before his death. He was a well-built and vigorous man, a good walker, and energetic all his days.

Mr. Masser married Catharine Christ, who was born Oct. 14, 1816, daughter of Jonathan Christ and his first wife Maria (Hepler), and sister of Emanuel Christ (1794-1831). Mrs. Masser died Dec. 15, 1890, the mother of fourteen children, eight of whom died before the father: Daniel, born May 12, 1835, who died Dec. 2, 1859; Helena, born Sept. 8, 1836, who died July 22, 1860; Jacob C.; Emanuel, born June 23, 1840; Polly; John; Henry; Gabriel, born June 1, 1848, who died Oct. 14, 1866; Luzetta; Charles; Felix C.; Alice, who married Frank Geist; Katie; and E. Celesta, born Aug. 20, 1861, who married Rev. W. Weicksel, and died June 4, 1892.

JACOB C. MASSER, son of Jacob, was born June 8, 1838, just across the Northumberland line in Schuylkill county, and was a farmer and stonemason of Upper Mahanoy township, living on his





eighty-acre tract in the extreme eastern end of the township, on the south side of Line Mountain. When a young man he learned his trade, which he followed first at Ashland and later at Lost Creek, both in Schuylkill county, for about ten years, after his marriage working in Upper Mahanoy township, this county. Most of the land in his farm belonged to his father, but it was he who put up the buildings on the place, after his marriage. During the Civil war he was drafted and paid \$300 for a substitute. He died July 17, 1909, and is buried at Howerter's Church.

Mr. Masser married Catharine Wagner, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Haas) Wagner, granddaughter of Jacob Wagner and great-granddaughter of Jacob Wagner (July 6, 1725-Nov. 30, 1802) and his wife Lovina (March 1, 1736-July 1, 1827). Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Masser: (1) Richard Masser is a merchant of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa. (2) Nora Masser married Moses Trautman, who is engaged in business as a merchant in Shamokin, this county. (3) MONROE H. MASSER was formerly a public school teacher, having taught for six terms in Upper Mahanoy and West Cameron townships, this county, and is now the carrier on Rural Route No. 2, from the postoffice of Pitman, Schuylkill county. He also conducts the homestead farm, where he and his mother make their home, and which adjoins the property of his uncle, Felix C. Masser.

Mr. Masser was a Reformed member of St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church, in which he held official positions for fully forty years, serving as deacon, elder and trustee; he was filling the latter office at the time of his death. His family also unite with the Reformed congregation of that church. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Masser was a most esteemed citizen, and throughout his long and useful life upheld the best traditions of an honored name.

FELIX C. MASSER, son of Jacob and Catharine (Christ) Masser, was born April 20, 1855, and from young manhood has been engaged in farming in Upper Mahanoy township, where he now has extensive interests. He received his education in the public schools, but his advantages were limited, and when only fourteen he began driving his father's team to market at Shamokin, once or twice a week. He was trained to farm work from his early years, and after working for his parents until he was twenty-three years old began farming on his own account in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in the spring of 1879. He has since lived at his present home, which he farmed as a tenant until his father's death, in 1895, after which the property passed into his possession. He also owns two other farms, one the original Herb homestead, the other the Sebastian Zimmerman stand in Schuylkill

county. He is an intelligent and successful farmer, one who has the entire respect of his fellow citizens and the good will of all who have had dealings with him. A prominent and active member of St. Jacob's Union Church (which is located in Upper Mahanoy township, near the Schuylkill county line), he was a deacon of the congregation for thirty years and has given faithful service in every capacity. His family are also identified with that church.

In 1875 Mr. Masser married Phebe Jane Zimmerman, daughter of John Zimmerman and a descendant of Bastian Zimmerman. Fourteen children have been born to this union, namely: Emma, Mrs. Wilson Kuntzelman; Bertha, Mrs. James Keim; Phoebe Jane, born in 1880, who died in 1881; Lillie, wife of Isaac Keim (cousin of James); Charles, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township; Victor, of New York City; Arthur; Polly; Katie; Raymond; Frank; James, who died in infancy; Clement, who died in infancy; and Claremont.

Henry Masser, another son of Matthias, the emigrant ancestor, was born Feb. 11, 1775, in Oley, Berks Co., Pa., and died July 17, 1853. After learning the trade of tinsmith he engaged in business for a short time at Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa., in 1801 coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county, and establishing himself in business in the same line. In 1809 he enlarged his business, dealing in general merchandise thereafter, and he continued in that business until 1852—shortly before his death. Throughout this long period he was at the one location, occupying the two-story brick building on the south side of Market street, on the second lot west of Center alley. He was prominent in the public affairs of his day, serving as county commissioner, 1808-11; as county auditor, 1813-14, and 1820-22; and as justice of the peace for many years.

On Dec. 5, 1802, Henry Masser married Mary Barbara Baldy, who was born at Sunbury July 11, 1785, daughter of Paul Baldy, and died at that place June 24, 1828; her funeral sermon was preached from the text Luke 1:30. They had a family of twelve children, viz.: Mary Catharine, born Aug. 31, 1803, died April 4, 1805; Elizabeth, born June 15, 1805, married Rev. Jeremiah Shindell, of Allentown, Pa., who died before her; William, born Sept. 4, 1807, was a farmer and lived near Three Rivers, Mich.; Henry B., born Aug. 17, 1809, died July 8, 1897, is mentioned below; John was born June 17, 1811; Mary Ann, born May 6, 1813, married Francis Bucher, of Sunbury, whom she survived, her death occurring Oct. 1, 1903; Peter B., born April 11, 1815, died Nov. 14, 1866; Charles, born Feb. 14, 1817, died Aug. 1, 1841; George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1819, died March 13, 1870; Jacob B., born





Jan. 17, 1820, died Sept. 10, 1876; Edward Baldy, born May 9, 1822, died Nov. 7, 1852; Henrietta A., born Oct. 16, 1824, died Aug. 10, 1832.

Henry B. Masser, son of Henry, was born Aug. 17, 1809, at Sunbury, and there received his early education in the local schools. To a large degree he was self educated, or at any rate, he obtained all his higher education after he began to depend upon himself, as he left school at the age of fourteen to take charge of his father's store. Thereafter he pursued the study of the classics under Charles G. Donnel and Rev. William G. Smith, receiving private tuition, and he studied law with Alexander Jordan. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Nov. 5, 1833, at the same time as James Pollock, Charles W. Hegins and Samuel P. Johnson, all of whom became president judges in Pennsylvania (Pollock in Northumberland county, Hegins in Schuylkill county and Johnson in Warren county) and Pollock was also governor of the State. "It is doubtful whether four men of equal ability and subsequent prominence were ever admitted to the local bar at the same time on any other occasion," Mr. Masser having long been one of the distinguished citizens of his State. He was soon firmly established in legal practice at Sunbury, and in 1839 was honored with appointment as deputy attorney general for Northumberland county, filling that office with dignity, efficiency and ability for a period of six years. During that time he never had an indictment quashed—a record few incumbents of the office can approach. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident lawyer of Sunbury.

However, it was not alone in legal circles that Mr. Masser gained prominence. His natural talent as a writer early found expression in contributions to the local papers and eventually led him to devote his best efforts to journalistic work. In September, 1840, as the result of unexpected developments in the ranks of the Democratic party, the *Sunbury American* was founded by him and a few associates in the interest of Hegins's campaign, and though the first demand for this organ was soon a thing of the past the paper continued to grow in strength and force and influence, being the oldest paper in continuous existence in the borough. As its editor and publisher (for the most part alone) for a period of almost twenty-nine years, he occupied a place among local journalists and in the history of local journalism which makes his work and influence of permanent value. His executive talents insured the material success of the paper once it was fairly launched, and his trenchant pen, progressive ideas and modest but forceful expressions commanded the attention of thinking people in all classes and parties. A sagacious observer of the political and social trend of his day, his editorials were widely copied as embodying conservative and unbiased

opinions, for though he was an ardent Democrat he rendered especially effective service in fostering the growth of public sentiment toward a protective tariff and supported Pollock for Congress in opposition to the party candidate on the tariff issue. Though the county was then strongly Democratic normally, Pollock received a majority of several hundred, accountable to this influence. Again, a Whig candidate for a position on the Supreme court bench received a majority of six hundred in Northumberland county mainly because of the fact that he received the support of the *American* as the desirable man for the place. Early in Buchanan's administration it became identified with the "free soil" movement in the Democratic party; supported Lincoln shortly after his first election, in 1860, and from that time on became a staunch Republican organ. The *American* was particularly earnest in its advocacy of measures designed to promote the development of the internal resources of Pennsylvania, with which Mr. Masser was especially in sympathy. He was not only prominent in public affairs but also interested in various business enterprises of a private nature. After giving up the active editorship of the paper, early in 1869, he continued to take a deep interest in educational and literary matters. For a number of years before his death, which occurred in Sunbury July 8, 1897, when he was in his eighty-eighth year, he lived retired in that borough. He was for several years a member of the vestry of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1842 Henry B. Masser married Diana M. Engle, of Sunbury, who died May 7, 1862. They had two children: Henry (born Feb. 1, 1843, died Sept. 17, 1843) and Mary.

JACOB B. MASSER, M. D., son of Henry and Mary Barbara (Baldy) Masser, was born Jan. 17, 1820. He received the greater part of his literary education under private tutors, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1841, and from that time until his death, a period of thirty-five years, was a prominent physician and surgeon in Sunbury. He served one year as a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war. For one term, 1858-61, he was register and recorder of the county. Dr. Masser was a worthy and highly esteemed citizen of the borough, and his death, which occurred Sept. 10, 1876, was widely mourned. He married Sarah Heighler, who survived him.

FRANKLIN BACHE MASSER, M. D., late of Sunbury, was born there July 14, 1860, son of Dr. Jacob B. Masser, and died in his native city Dec. 22, 1891, at the early age of thirty-one. He received his early education in the local public schools, and graduated from the Hahnemann Medical School, at Philadelphia, in 1881. At the age of seventeen he had commenced the study of medicine with Dr. R. H.





Awl, and after completing his classical studies he took a course at Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1884. He settled down to practice at Sunbury, where he resided until his sudden death, from pneumonia, after an illness of eleven days. Dr. Masser served as city physician, was a member of the board of pension examiners, and a member in good standing of the Sunbury Medical Association. He had established an excellent practice, and gave every promise of making a record worthy of the brilliant family of which he was a typical representative. Dr. Masser was buried in the family plot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and took an active part in its work. Socially he belonged to the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

On April 8, 1885, Dr. Masser married Harriet E. Houtz, daughter of Henry and Harriet (Boob) Houtz, of Snyder county, Pa., who died at Freeburg. Three children were born to this marriage, Franklin B., Sarah E. and Geraldine H. Mrs. Masser and her children continue to make their home in Sunbury. She is a member, and has been secretary, of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., which has a membership of forty-nine.

FRANK ERDMAN, county commissioner of Northumberland county, was born in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township June 19, 1856, son of George Erdman. He attended the public schools of his native township, and then worked on the farm till he reached the age of eighteen years, at which time he went to Shamokin and learned the trade of carpenter under R. S. Aucker. Here he remained for about eight years and then turned his attention to the business of building and contracting on his own account, building many homes in Shamokin and throughout the county, and also doing contracting for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, erecting stations, etc. He continued at this business with success until he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in 1905. Mr. Erdman bought the homestead in what is now Ralpho township near Weigh Scales in 1891, and he has improved it very much, his place being one of the best locations in the county.

In politics Mr. Erdman is a Democrat. He was elected justice of peace of his township, served as school director for six years, was overseer of the poor for six years, and in the fall of 1905 was elected to the office of county commissioner, and again elected in 1908, still holding that position. He is a good official and has proved himself to be an efficient and capable man. He has served as president of the board for the past three years. Socially he is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and a member of Bloomsburg Consistory, having taken the thirty-second degree;

he is a member of Shamokin lodge of Elks, No. 355. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Erdman was twice married. His first wife was Marietta Adams, daughter of Daniel H. and Sarah (Pensyl) Adams. After her death he married (second) Catherine R. Goss, daughter of John Goss, of Ralpho township. They have three children: Esther E., Russell D. and Charles R.

JACOB A. MARTZ, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, is a member of the Martz family which has been settled in Northumberland county for at least a century. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Martz, brother of David, who came with him into this section of Pennsylvania.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where, in Longswamp township, the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northeast of Frankfort-on-the Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765; and Peter, March 9, 1769. The line in which we are interested at present descends from either Johannes or Melchior.

David and Jacob Martz, brothers, moved from Berks or Lancaster county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on the Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury, in Northumberland county. Jacob, however, did not remain long, moving to the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he died and is buried. He settled near Killinger, in the Lykens Valley. He was a tailor, and followed his trade for many years, dying at an advanced age; he is buried at David's Church, at Killinger. He prospered and owned his own home. His wife, whose maiden name was Jury (she being a sister of John Jury, of Lykens Valley), also reached advanced age. Among their children were: Susanna married Simon Romberger; Polly married a Messerschmidt; Charles lived at Killinger; Jonas died





at Millersburg; Daniel died at Lykens; Jacob is mentioned below; Amos lived in Indiana; Christian lived at Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Martz, son of Jacob, was born in 1815 in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, and died in that locality in 1882, aged sixty-seven years. He is buried at Killinger's (also known as David's) Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was a butcher, and followed his trade among the farmers in his neighborhood, being engaged every day during the season. To a limited extent he also carried on farming, owning a small tract of three acres, while his wife owned fifteen acres. Mr. Martz was a Republican in politics, and was elected supervisor of his township, serving several years in that office. His first wife, Rachel (Welker), daughter of John Welker, died in the fall of 1860, aged fifty-one years. She was the mother of nine children: Uriah married Hannah Miller; Jacob died when young; John W. is mentioned below; Hannah married Adam Nau-bringer and (second) Elias Witmer; Sarah married Henry Kissinger; Elizabeth and Amanda died unmarried, but three weeks apart, of typhoid fever; Mary married Jerry Hoy; Jeremiah married Miss Hoffman. For his second wife Mr. Martz married Sarah (Weaver), widow of Peter Schreffler, and by this marriage there were two children: Emma and one that died in infancy.

John W. Martz, son of Jacob and Rachel (Welker) Martz, was born Aug. 13, 1834, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was there reared. In 1852 he came to Northumberland county, locating in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has ever since resided. When a young man he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed after settling in this county, living for five years in Georgetown, whence in 1861 he came to Vera Cruz. He is now the oldest resident of that village. Mr. Martz followed tailoring there until 1906, when he retired from the business, now giving all his working hours to the duties of his position as postmaster, which he has held since Dec. 31, 1898; the post office name is Malta. He is a much respected citizen, one who has always held the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens by his upright life. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a member of the Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, which he has served officially for a number of years, as deacon, elder and trustee. While living at Georgetown he held the office of deacon in the church there for three years.

On Jan. 29, 1854, Mr. Martz married Mary Ann Witmer, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Philips) Witmer, and ten children have been born to their union: Sarah Ellen, William, Jeremiah P., Alice A. (unmarried), Peter L., Mary Lizzie, Jonathan O., Rachel R., Jacob A. and a son that died in infancy.

JACOB A. MARTZ, who is a farmer along the Mahantango creek, in Lower Mahanoy township, was born July 18, 1862, at Vera Cruz, and was reared and educated there. When a young man he engaged in the lumber business in his native place, following that line for twenty years, during which time he operated a portable sawmill. For five years he had his mill at Peter's Mt., where he manufactured shingles, staves and all kinds of lumber, selling his product in eastern Pennsylvania and, to some extent, in New Jersey. During the last few years he carried on this business he had from ten to fifteen men in his employ. Meantime he also became interested in farming, managing a farm for several years while in the lumber business, and since 1896 he has given all his attention to the cultivation of his present farm in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has resided since that year. This place, which was formerly the Jacob Snyder farm, contains 136 acres, now owned by Charles Snyder. Mr. Jacob Snyder erected all the buildings on the property. Mr. Martz owns a farm of 118 acres located along the Susquehanna river, which was formerly the homestead of Joel Engel, and before his time was owned by Andrew Ziegler; it was long in the Ziegler family.

On Sept. 15, 1883, Mr. Martz married Emma Schaffer, daughter of Durrell and Anna (Snyder) Schaffer, and granddaughter of Isaac Schaffer. Eleven children, five sons and six daughters, have been born to this union, all of whom survive, namely: Martha O., wife of Frank Witmer, son of Henry Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy; Mary A., married to Reuben Wetzel, a baker, at Herndon, this county; William, a farmer on his father's property above mentioned, who married Stella Witmer, daughter of Monroe Witmer, late of Lower Mahanoy; Stella, married to Clarence E. Witmer, son of Ephraim Witmer; John N.: Clarence E.; Lloyd J.; Neda Irene; Telma M.; Charles L.; and Emma K.

Mr. Martz and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and he is serving as a deacon of the Vera Cruz congregation. He is a Republican in his political views.

WILLIAM MARTZ was born in eastern Pennsylvania, where his father, a native of Germany, settled. He lived for a number of years at Snyder-town, in Northumberland county, where he owned the farm which is now the property of William Place, and in addition to farming he followed his trade of blacksmith. He was a tall man, and heavy set. When about sixty years old he went out to Illinois with his daughters Sarah (wife of Leonard Wagner) and Lydia (wife of John Kline), and there lived at Elmwood, in Peoria county, until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-five. He married an Evert,





who long preceded him to the grave and is buried at Snyderstown, Northumberland county. They had six children, namely: (1) John is fully mentioned in the next paragraph. (2) Kate married John Miller. (3) Lydia married John Kline. (4) Sarah married Leonard Wagner. (5) Daniel, who lived and died at Sunbury, had children William J. and Mary. (6) Jacob settled in southern Missouri, where he died. He was a farmer by occupation. His children were Lizzie, Belle, Charles, Hattie, Fletcher, Maggie and Emma.

John Martz, son of William, was born in December, 1818, at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, and there passed his long life, dying Jan. 31, 1892. He is buried in the Martz family plot at Snyderstown. He owned 110 acres of land, and farmed all his life, but was also engaged as an employee on the Pennsylvania railroad for some years. Though he did not care to hold office, he was prevailed upon to serve two terms as overseer of the poor of Shamokin township, an office he filled with intelligence and ability. He was an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon and elder. Mr. Martz married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reichard) Kaseman, and they became the parents of four children: Franklin P. lives in Ralpho township; William E. is mentioned below; Clara married David Snyder and they live in Snyderstown, this county; Elizabeth married William J. Barrell and they live at Shamokin.

WILLIAM E. MARTZ was born Jan. 27, 1857, at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, and was reared on the farm, working for his parents until he attained his majority. In 1891 he began farming the homestead on his own account, and continued to cultivate it for eight years, in 1899 moving to the place in Rockefeller township he has since occupied and cultivated. This was formerly part of the William Miller homestead and is a valuable tract of fifty-eight acres, at the head waters of Plum creek. All the buildings now standing on this property were erected by Mr. Martz, he having built the barn in 1895 and the house in 1898. His place is a model of comfort and convenience as a country home, and he keeps it in an excellent state of cultivation, looking after all the details carefully and intelligently.

On Feb. 17, 1891, Mr. Martz married Sarah Ann Miller, daughter of William and Ann (Strickland) Miller, of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz have no children. He is a Lutheran in religious matters, his wife a member of the Reformed Church.

**BYERLY.** The Byerly family of the lower end of Northumberland county is descended from one Ludwig Byerly, one of three brothers who came from Berks county, Pa., and located to the north of the Blue mountains. He settled at Line Moun-

tain, near Pitman, Schuylkill county, another brother is said to have settled at a different location in Schuylkill county, and the third at Danville, Columbia (now Montour) county. Ludwig Byerly was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Beisel, being from the Mahantango Valley, where she also died. She was the mother of two sons and one daughter, Eliza (married Benjamin Leitzel), Samuel and Elijah. After his second marriage, which was to a Miss Delp, he moved about 1825 to Red Bank, in Jefferson county, where he followed farming and lumbering, and he lived to the age of about eighty. He is buried in the vicinity of Red Bank. Five sons and several daughters were born to his second union, the sons being: Ludwig, George, Henry, Emanuel and Solomon.

Samuel Byerly, eldest son of Ludwig, was born in 1811 in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, and passed the greater part of his active life in Jordan township, Northumberland county, where he died July 3, 1887, aged seventy-five years, six months, ten days. For a number of years in his earlier manhood he hired out among farmers, later purchasing a small farm in Jordan township, which, however, he soon sold, thereafter going to work for his brother Elijah. When he again began farming on his own account he was a tenant at different places for nine years, and at the end of that period purchased a tract of 106 acres in Jordan township, near Urban, where he had lived as a tenant for three years. After he had owned it for four years he sold out at a profit and moved to Washington township, where he lived for several years, then purchasing what was known as the Schreffler farm of 129 acres on the Middle creek, at the Himmel Church. Eventually he sold this place and returned to Jordan township. He married Sarah Schaffer, daughter of John and Christina (Lenker) Schaffer, and she survived him a number of years, dying in September, 1900, aged eighty-seven years, three months, twenty days. Mr. and Mrs. Byerly are buried at St. Paul's Church, Urban. They had children as follows: Jacob; Henry S.; Samuel, of Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Adams, both now deceased; Annie, who died young; Dinah, who died young; John S.; and Sarah, who married Nathan Guthman, of Mahantango Valley.

Jacob Byerly, son of Samuel, lives at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was formerly a farmer. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is at present serving as supervisor. He married Catharine Schaffer, of Urban, who is now deceased, and to them were born eleven children: Edwin, Samuel, Gordon, George, William, Clara, three other daughters, and two deceased.

Henry S. Byerly, son of Samuel, attended the old-time subscription schools of Lower Mahanoy township, and later went to school in Jackson





township. He was reared to farm life, and continued to work for his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, after which he was hired on the farm for a year and for another year burned lime for his uncle, Josiah Schaffer. In 1864 he engaged in the lime burning and hauling business, being encouraged to make this venture by his uncle, Mr. Schaffer, and he carried it on successfully for several years. Meantime, in 1865, he purchased a small farm near Hebe, in the Mahantango Valley, where he lived one year, after which he and his uncle, Josiah Schaffer, purchased a 118-acre farm in Jordan township, in partnership. This was formerly the Jacob Bohner place. Here Mr. Byerly lived for twenty years, in 1885 moving to a 113-acre tract in Jackson township, to which he added until he had 154 acres. Here he lived until his retirement, in 1898, since which time he has made his home at Herndon. He owns considerable real estate, all of which he has acquired through his own efforts, being a self-made man, one who has worked hard all his life. He has always been active in public affairs and in church life, being a man whom his fellow citizens instinctively intrust with matters affecting the general welfare. For six years he was school director of Jordan township, during that time also serving as treasurer of the board. In Jackson township he was overseer of the poor several years and tax collector for two years. Since becoming a resident of Herndon he has served three years as councilman. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion. He has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the church, is at present serving as treasurer, and has been trustee, deacon and elder.

On July 5, 1864, Mr. Byerly married Abigail Otto, who was born Jan. 8, 1840, daughter of John Otto (whose wife's maiden name was Groh), and died Feb. 22, 1909; she is buried at Herndon. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Byerly: Luzianna married William Steel, and they have had three children, Lura (deceased), Eugene and Beulah (they live in Jackson township); Sarah A. R. married Edw. Steel, a brother of William Steel, and they live at Dalmatia; Cora Ellen is the wife of William Wayne, a resident of Herndon, and they have three children, Flossie, Alva and Charles; Catharine Lura died in infancy; one son died in infancy; John O., of Dalmatia, married Flora Trautman and they have one child, Oscar; Lydia married Penrose Miller, of Herndon, and they have one child, Mary; Henrietta is the wife of Charles Kehler, of Herndon (they have no children). Mr. Byerly, the father of this family, though now (1910) seventy years of age, is a well preserved man, and he is widely and favorably known.

JOHN S. BYERLY, son of Samuel, is engaged in farming near Urban, in Jordan township. He was

born May 3, 1850, and received his education in the old pay schools conducted during his early boyhood, attending only two and a half days at the free school. His boyhood was passed under the parental roof, and he acquired a practical knowledge of farm work assisting his father, for whom he worked until he attained his majority. He afterward hired out as a laborer for several years until he began farming for himself in Washington township, on a forty-acre tract where he remained for two years. He moved thence to another farm in the same township, where he lived for twelve years, on April 5, 1888, settling in Jordan township, on the farm where he has since resided. This place, which contains about forty acres, formerly belonged to Peter Schwartz, from whom Mr. Byerly purchased it in partnership with his elder brother, Henry S. Byerly, and he has made a success of his work on this property. However, he is particularly well known as a horsedealer and veterinary surgeon. For thirty-one years he has kept stock horses, and he has always prided himself upon the quality and fine condition of the animals he handles, being considered the most reliable man in that line anywhere in this section. He never took a course in veterinary medicine, but he possesses a natural gift which enables him to diagnose and treat animal ailments successfully, and he has saved many valuable animals in the neighborhood, those who know him having the greatest confidence in his ability and skill. He has not only been a useful citizen of his community, but one who has made so many friends that he is liked and welcomed everywhere. He is a tall man, with a pleasant disposition and a jovial word for all, and his popularity is well deserved. During the winter months he always keeps a good supply of cider on tap. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served three years as school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church, which he has served as trustee, and is at present holding the office of elder.

In the summer of 1870 Mr. Byerly married Mary Schreffler, daughter of Gottfried and Jestina (Hepner) Schreffler, and they have three daughters: Emma J. is the wife of John Phillips and has two children, William and Gertie; Nora E. married Jacob Tressler and has children, Charles, Daisy, Mary, John and Goldie; Miranda M. married Andrew Schlegel and has two children, J. Charles and Elmer D.

Elijah Byerly, the younger son of Ludwig Byerly by his first marriage, was born Oct. 5, 1813, and was a lifelong farmer. He began farming on his own account at the place where his grandson, Jonathan M. Byerly, now lives, in Jordan township. He married Mary Bower, daughter of Jacob Bower and granddaughter of Matthias Bower, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Matthias Bow-





er owned the farm which later became the property of Elijah Byerly, who began to farm there upon his marriage. Later his wife was given ninety-nine acres of the large Bower homestead, and there Elijah Byerly erected a set of buildings and made his permanent home. He prospered, purchased adjacent land, until the farm comprised over two hundred acres, also starting a hotel which to this day is known as Byerly's, and which in the earlier days was a great business center. Many cattle dealers used to stop there, and the place became known far and wide. It was conducted by Elijah Byerly's son Josiah until 1900. Elijah Byerly died March 19, 1873, and is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church. His wife, who was born Jan. 22, 1814, died June 21, 1886. Their children, seven sons and three daughters, were: Elias, Benjamin, Henry, Frank, Josiah, Adam, Sovana (died in infancy), Ella (married Penrose Shadle), Maggie (married Adam Bingham) and Emma (married Simon Reed).

Elias Byerly, son of Elijah, was born June 16, 1833, where his son Jonathan M. Byerly now lives. Throughout his life he followed farming successfully, and at different times he was also engaged in hotel-keeping, during the Civil war conducting the "National Hotel" at Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa. He held local offices, serving as school director and tax collector, and was a prominent worker in the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Stone Valley Church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and attending divine services faithfully; he missed but one communion in twenty years. He died Oct. 5, 1909, and is interred in the family plot at the Stone Valley Church. His widow, Elizabeth (Radel), daughter of Michael and Catharine (Bonawitz) Radel, was born Oct. 4, 1834, and though in her seventy-seventh year is well preserved. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Jonathan M., Mary A., Josephine E., James M. (died in infancy), Senora C., Ivy (who died in infancy, she and James M. both living to be ten months, fourteen days old), Michael E. and Eva (wife of J. C. Boyer). Jonathan M., Michael E. and Eva are the only survivors of this family.

JONATHAN M. BYERLY was born June 26, 1858, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his early education in the local public schools, later attending a select school at Pillow, Dauphin county. In 1880 he received a license to teach from Professor Bowl, then superintendent of schools in Northumberland county, and began his career as an educator in Washington township, where he taught for two terms. Later he taught two terms in Lower Mahanoy township, and he made a reputation as a good disciplinarian as well as a conscientious instructor. From boyhood he had been accustomed to farm work, and he began farming for himself in 1882 in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained until his removal, in 1901, to his present

farm in Jordan township. He still owns the place in Lower Mahanoy, which now comprises 114 acres of valuable land which he bought from the estate of his uncle, Benjamin Byerly. The latter bought a Wetzel tract of twenty-five acres to which he added until the farm reached its present proportions. Jonathan M. Byerly farmed that place until he removed to his present home, which he bought in the fall of 1900, from Michael Emerich, and which is a most desirable property of 134 acres of limestone soil. This place has been scientifically fertilized under his management, and he has made a number of improvements which have materially enhanced the value of the property. Mr. Byerly is one of the intelligent, progressive and influential men of his district, where by his useful life he has won the respect of all who know him. He is a Democrat, has served as school director, and has long been an active church worker, being one of the leading members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, where he and his family belong to the Lutheran congregation. He has served many years as deacon and elder, and was church treasurer for ten years.

On Jan. 8, 1882, Mr. Byerly married Louisa Emmerich, daughter of Michael and Hannah (Tressler) Emmerich. They have had children as follows: Benedict Beecher, who died when ten months, four days old; Naomi Josephine, wife of John A. Latsha; Claudia Alveretta, wife of C. C. Miller; Hannah E.; Elias M., married to Lizzie Paul; Ellen Salome; Isaac Theodore; Maud Heleria, who died in her sixth year; and Mark Jonathan, who died when ten months old.

Josiah Byerly, son of Elijah, was born Dec. 28, 1843, at Byerly's, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and obtained a rather limited education in the pay schools which were then the only institutions of learning in the locality. He worked for his father until he was of age, and about 1882 began farming at the place in Jordan township where he now lives, having a farm of 145 acres which belonged to his mother, having formerly been a Bower tract. On this place stands a large Swiss barn which was built in 1853 by Elijah Byerly; it is 100 by 45 feet in dimensions, and is an attractive feature of the property.

On Nov. 22, 1868, Mr. Byerly married Catharine Snyder, daughter of John and Anna Barbara (Wert) Snyder, and to them have been born eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Harry E., of St. Louis, Mo.; Isaiah F., who lives at home; Walter C., who lives near his parents; George C.; Jeremiah; Annie, who died young; Martha, wife of J. Lengert; and Mary. Mr. Byerly and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he formerly served in the official capacities of deacon and elder, and he is at present a trustee, which office he has held six years. Politically he is a Democrat.





EDWARD EARLEY, of Shamokin, business man and member of the borough council, which he served one year as president, has a high reputation for personal worth which has been considerably augmented of recent years by his efficient work in the governing body of the municipality. His public spirit and ability won him the name of being one of the most useful officials Shamokin has ever had.

Mr. Earley was born Oct. 27, 1859, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Patrick Earley, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in 1851. For a number of years after coming to America Mr. Earley was settled at Tamaqua, where he followed farming, thence removing to Carbon county, Pa., where he spent the rest of his life. For several years he was supervisor of Banks township, that county. He died there Nov. 26, 1895. Mr. Earley married Bridget McGill, who survived him, dying Sept. 6, 1908, and they are buried in St. Ann cemetery, at Drifton, Pa. Eight children were born to their union: Annie (deceased) married Thomas North; Mary died in infancy; Edward is mentioned later; Bridget married John F. Cannon and resides at Locust Gap, Northumberland county (Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have had seven children, Agnes, who is a trained nurse, located at Reading, Pa.; Raymond; John; William; Anna; Mary, and Catharine); William lives in Carbon county, Pa.; John lives in South Bethlehem, Pa.; James is deceased; Catherine is the wife of Hugh C. Boyle and lives at Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Patrick Earley was one of a family of seven children, his brothers and sisters being: John, James, Joseph, Mary, Catherine and Bridget. Of this family, Joseph served in the Civil war, and two of his sons fought in the Spanish-American war.

Edward Earley began work when but seven years old as a slate picker at the mines at Locust Gap, this county. He moved with the family to Carbon county, where he continued to work as a slate picker until he became a regular miner, following that line of work for twenty years. During the great strike of 1887 he was a prominent worker in the Knights of Labor. He then gave up mining, and going to Wilkes-Barre found work with the Sheldon Axle Company, with which he remained until his removal to Shamokin, in 1889. Here he entered the employ of his brother-in-law, W. A. Kearney, who was in the wholesale liquor business, being associated with him until he withdrew to engage in business on his own account, in 1898. He has ever since been located at No. 142 Market street, Shamokin, and has built up a profitable trade. Besides, he is local agent for the Kaier Brewing Company, of Mahanoy City. Mr. Earley's perseverance and executive ability have won him success, but his industry and faithful at-

tention to detail have been no less factors in his prosperity, which he well deserves.

That Mr. Earley has high standing in the city of his adoption is shown by the honors he has received at the hands of his fellow citizens. In October, 1905, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Patrick J. Glennon, as councilman from the Fourth ward, and at the next election he was a regular candidate for the office, elected on the Democratic ticket and indorsed by the Republicans. In March, 1909, he was the successful candidate for president of the council, which office he filled for one year, with the highest efficiency. The amount of business transacted by the council during his year as presiding officer, and the many excellent measures acted upon, are creditable to the entire body, which won universal public approval for services of a high order. Mr. Earley is president of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (No. 3) and also county president of that fraternity. He is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Mr. Earley married Cecelia Kearney, daughter of Patrick Kearney, of Shamokin, and they have had four children: Mary, who died when four years old; Edward P., a telegraph operator; Eileen V., a graduate of the Shamokin high school, class of 1909; and Catherine K., a graduate of the Shamokin high school, class of 1911.

FETTER. There are two branches of the Fetter family quite numerous represented in Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, those descended from the brothers Heinrich and Frederick Fetter, who came hither from Berks county in the beginning of the nineteenth century. They are all of the posterity of Philip Fetter, who emigrated to this country from Germany. Isaac O. Fetter, of Sunbury, who has been prominently associated with business interests there for some years as an extensive contractor and builder; Nathan E. Fetter, of Upper Mahanoy township, now serving his sixth term as justice of the peace and otherwise active in the affairs of his locality; and Elias Fetter, farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, a man of conspicuous intelligence and one of the leading citizens of his community, are all of this stock. We give the record of the early generations from the emigrant ancestor.

Philip Fetter, a native of the Rheinpfalz, Germany, landed at Philadelphia in the fall of 1751, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa. His wife, Anna Maria (Fissler), was also from Germany, but according to family tradition he was unmarried when he came to this country. Among his children were the following sons: Jacob, Adam, Philip and Conrad all settled west of the Susquehanna river, in Snyder and Union counties, Pa.; George settled in Northumberland county; John settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county; Heinrich





and Frederick settled in Northumberland county.

Heinrich Fetter, son of Philip, was born Sept. 6, 1779, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, was baptized by Rev. Philip Jacob Michael, at Ziegel's Church, in Weisenburg township, in what is now Lehigh county, Pa., and was confirmed by Rev. Jacob Lupold, at the same church. He was a shoemaker by trade, but engaged principally in farming. Coming from Berks county to Northumberland county in 1810, he first settled on the farm where Elias Rebuck now lives, later locating in Upper Mahanoy township, on the farm now owned by David S. Paul. He is buried at the Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Schuylkill county, near the Northumberland county line. His wife, Elizabeth (Hartman), was born Oct. 19, 1781, in Whitehall township, Northampton Co., Pa., daughter of Johan Dietrich and Catharine (Ruchin) Hartman, and died March 3, 1847, aged sixty-five years, four months, fifteen days. They were the parents of seventeen children, three of whom died young, thirteen sons and one daughter reaching maturity, viz.: Joshua, who went West; Heinrich; David; Mary, who married Samuel Rebuck; Isaac; Daniel; Elias, who married a Miss Bush; Moses; Levi; Philip; John, who was blind; Solomon; Jonas, who died young; and another son whose name is forgotten.

David Fetter, son of Heinrich, was born Jan. 18, 1808, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and was two years old when the family came to Northumberland county. He received his education in the German subscription schools which afforded the young their principal educational advantages during his childhood, and acquired more than the average literary training for the time, being an excellent reader and writing a good German hand. He was a carpenter, following that trade during his earlier manhood and later engaging in farming, having a forty-seven-acre farm in Upper Mahanoy township. A well known man in his community, partly because of his superior education, he was active and influential in local politics as an ardent Democrat, helped to hold many elections, and himself served as supervisor, overseer of the poor and auditor of his township. He married Mary Erdman, who was born March 12, 1817, at twelve o'clock midnight, daughter of Jonathan Erdman, and died Sept. 12, 1904, at the same hour. Mr. Fetter died Nov. 10, 1890, in his eighty-third year, and both are buried at Salem Church, where they and their family worshipped with the Lutheran congregation. He was a trustee of that church at the time of his incorporation. Thirteen children were born to David and Mary Fetter, as follows: Henry died young; Elizabeth married David Ochs; Harriet married Elias Groh and (second) John Kleinginni; Lydia married Andrew Moyer; Catharine married Peter Lucus;

Adam married Sarah Paul; David died young; Marcus, who was blind, died young; James and Jonathan died young; Edwin died young; Nathan E. is mentioned below; Polly died young. Several of the children died of diphtheria, within a short time.

NATHAN E. FETTER, son of David, was born Feb. 24, 1852, and grew to manhood in Upper Mahanoy township. He received his early education in the subscription and free schools, later attending Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach, and was first assigned to Delp's school, No. 6, in Upper Mahanoy township, following his profession for twenty-two successive terms, all in the same township, a record which speaks volumes for his efficiency and popularity. He is engaged in farming, and for many years has been one of the leading figures in local public affairs. He is township clerk, a position he has filled for the past twenty years; and since 1882 has served continuously as justice of the peace, in which capacity he has settled many controversies in his district, officially and unofficially. He has been Democratic committeeman of Upper Mahanoy township for the past thirty years and has served as delegate to various county conventions, in which he takes the greatest interest. Few citizens are better or more favorably known. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Salem Church, and served the church consistory as secretary for two years. Mr. Fetter lives on the road between Leck Kill and Rough and Ready. In his early manhood he was afflicted with a running sore which eventually caused him the loss of his left leg, but he has never allowed this misfortune to interfere in any way with his ambition or usefulness.

Daniel Fetter, son of Heinrich and grandson of Philip, was born Aug. 27, 1815, in Upper Mahanoy township, and there passed his life, dying March 1, 1878. He occupied the place where his son Elias now lives, cultivating his farm of fifty-odd acres and following his trade of shoemaker, plying his craft in the shop now used for weaving. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family belonging to the Salem Church with which so many of the name have been identified. His wife, Sarah (Montelius), daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Stitzer) Montelius, was born July 13, 1820, and died May 26, 1893. Their children, five sons and three daughters, were as follows: Henry died at the age of thirty-two years; Peter is mentioned below; Harriet married Benneville Reiner and they live at Tower City, Pa.; Adam (deceased) lived near Trevorton, this county; Emma, who is unmarried, lives with her brother Elias; Charles died in his thirty-second year; Elias is mentioned below;





Sarah (deceased) married Daniel Stitzer. The parents and all their deceased children except Peter are buried at the Salem Church.

Peter Fetter, son of Daniel, was born in 1843 in Upper Mahanoy township, and like his father became a "cobbler," but he also worked in the lumber woods. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in Company A, 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and in the course of his army life he contracted disease from which he never recovered, and which eventually was the indirect cause of his death. His hearing was affected, and he was killed by a fast train on the railroad above Dalmatia while walking along the track, being unable to hear its approach. The accident happened in September, 1898, when he was fifty-five years old. He is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church in Lower Mahanoy township. He and his family were Lutherans in religion. Mr. Fetter married Annie Yeagley, who survives him, making her home at Dalmatia. The following children were born to their union: Isaac O.; Lizzie, wife of Harry Klinger and living at Tower City, Pa.; Charles, of Tremont, Pa.; Frank, of Sunbury, this county; Adam, who died when four years old; Kate; and Samuel, of Philadelphia.

ISAAC O. FETTER, son of Peter, was born March 28, 1872, in Lower Mahanoy township, and received a common school education. When nineteen years old he went to Shamokin to learn the carpenter's trade, serving his apprenticeship with R. S. Aucker, and remained in that borough six years, in 1897 coming to Sunbury, where he has since been located. Not long after settling here he began contracting and building on his own account, and has followed the business with increasing success up to the present time, being now one of the leading men in that line in the borough. He employs as many as twenty-five men, and up to date has over a hundred buildings in Sunbury to his credit as a builder. Among those of his construction may be mentioned the Gen. C. M. Clement residence; the Sunbury National Bank building; the First National Bank building at Herndon; the W. H. Druckenmiller residence; the E. S. Weimer residence; the addition to the First Evangelical Church edifice; two steel frame buildings for the Keystone Forging Company at Northumberland, one of which is 100 by 150 feet in dimensions; C. S. Miller's ice plant; the M. L. Swab residence on East Market street (which he also designed); the F. A. Witmer residence, in the same section, which he designed as well as erected; the F. H. Conrad residence; and various other buildings. Except where otherwise specified, all these are in Sunbury. In 1905, for greater convenience in the transaction of his business and carrying out his contracts, Mr. Fetter established the planing-mill and lumber yard on South Tenth street, in the East End of Sunbury, which he has since con-

ducted. This plant is situated between the tracks of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, and covers an area of about fifteen thousand square feet. The mill is thoroughly equipped with the most approved modern appliances for producing the highest grade of work, carefully selected lumber is used in filling all orders, and the establishment has a reputation for reliable and well finished products which accounts for its popularity. All classes of work, from the most inexpensive to the most elegant, are undertaken, and a force of twenty-five hands find steady employment. Electric power is the motive force, and the plant is up-to-date in every detail. Mr. Fetter's mechanical skill, combined with unusual executive ability, has made his success possible within a comparatively short time. Though busy with his own interests he has found time for service on the school board, having been director from the Ninth ward since 1905, and he is the present treasurer of the board. He is a Republican in his political views.

On March 6, 1897, Mr. Fetter married Hattie Susanna Bogar, daughter of Paul S. and Matilda (Musser) Bogar, of Adams township, Snyder Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Daniel and Susan (Sampsel) Bogar, also of Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Fetter reside in the handsome home at No. 170 South Tenth street, adjoining his mill property, which he designed and erected in 1903, a substantial brick dwelling which is an ornament to the locality and much admired. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

ELIAS FETTER, son of Daniel, was born July 24, 1855, on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, and received his education in the free schools of the locality. He was reared to farm life, and in his earlier years did laboring work for others, until he began farming on his own account, in 1879. From that time to the present he has farmed his father's old place, to which he has added eighteen acres and which he has improved in many ways, having a most desirable property on the road between Leck Kill and Rough and Ready, near the Schuylkill county line. His father built a residence on the place in 1866, and Mr. Fetter erected his present home thereon in 1901. He is a man of enterprise and public spirit, one whose opinion on matters generally is held in high regard, and he is a prominent man in his township in many respects. He has long been actively identified with the work of the Democratic party, having helped to hold a number of township elections, and served twelve years as auditor of the township. He has also been a valued member of the Lutheran congregation of Salem Church, where he and his wife belong, having served as deacon and at present holding the office of trustee.

In 1898 Mr. Fetter married Lovina Heim, daughter of John and Lydia (Shott) Heim, of





Washington township, this county. They have no family.

Frederick Fetter, son of Philip, the emigrant, was born in Berks county, Pa. He came thence to Northumberland county about 1815, from what township is not definitely known, but his grandson, John Fetter, thinks it was Heidelberg, and settled on a farm of some eighty acres at Leck Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township. He followed farming throughout his active years, and was not an old man at the time of his death. He adhered to the Reformed faith, and is buried at Howerter's Church. His wife, Catharine (Schmidt), was like himself from Berks county, and their eldest child, George, was born there. Besides this son they had four daughters, namely: Hannah died unmarried; Elizabeth, born Nov. 2, 1798, died Aug. 20, 1865, unmarried; Sallie was an invalid; Catharine married John Brown.

George Fetter, son of Frederick, was born July 4, 1801, in Berks county. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, and resided thereon some years, thence moving to a farm of 118 acres north of that property; this latter place is now the property of one of his grandsons, Charles H. Fetter. George Fetter served his township as overseer of the poor. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed Church in religious matters, uniting with the Howerter Church, where he is buried. His wife Catharine (Mertz), daughter of John Mertz, of Berks county, was born April 19, 1803, and died Dec. 24, 1876, and Mr. Fetter died July 17, 1878. Their children were as follows: Charles lived at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Daniel, born Nov. 27, 1825, died Dec. 30, 1864, unmarried; John is mentioned below; Benneville is mentioned below; Catharine married Charles Kahler, and died Aug. 1, 1908, aged seventy-three years; Esther, born Sept. 3, 1836, died Feb. 27, 1872.

John Fetter, son of George, now a venerable resident of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in that township Feb. 28, 1832, and has passed all his long life there. He was reared to farming and gave all his active years to that vocation, owning and cultivating his father's old place for seventeen years. Reselling this tract to his father, he purchased his present place, a tract of 107 acres, in 1869, and has since resided there. This was the old Michael Braun homestead, and Mr. Braun in 1829 built the stone house which still stands on the property and is occupied as a residence. Mr. Fetter retired from farming in 1908. He is a member of St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, which he has served officially as elder.

In 1875 Mr. Fetter married Sarah Ann Runkel, who was born in 1842, daughter of Philip and Susanna (Cherry) Runkel, and they have had two children: William is a farmer in Upper Mahanoy

township; Farietta married Landis Brosius, who farms the homestead for his father-in-law, Mr. Fetter.

Benneville Fetter, son of George, was born April 21, 1841, on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was a lifelong farmer, owning and living upon his father's place, which is now the property of his son Charles H. He died Jan. 6, 1887, at the comparatively early age of forty-five years, and is buried at St. John's Church, where he and his family united with the Reformed congregation, and he was serving as deacon at the time of his death. Mr. Fetter had a harrowing experience with the Molly Maguires, who terrorized the coal regions for a number of years, being robbed by them of two hundred dollars while he was going across Broad Mountain. He was a hucksterer, and was on the road between Pottsville and Minersville. He married Louisa Malick, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Leitzel) Malick, and four children were born to them: Wilson M., Charles H., John F. and George M., the last named dying in childhood.

CHARLES H. FETTER was born July 19, 1867, on the homestead, and there worked for his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years. When his father died he took charge of the farm of 118 acres, which he has since cultivated. It came into his possession in 1888. He disposes of his produce in Shamokin. Mr. Fetter has been quite interested in local affairs, has been overseer of the poor in his township since 1905 and was supervisor for three terms. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On Nov. 9, 1890, Mr. Fetter married Lizzie A. Beissel, daughter of Daniel H. and Abbie (Hornberger) Beissel, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have had a family of eleven children, as follows: Sadie Maizie, Harry D., Clyde E., Wellington C., George C., John C., Cally L., Dora W., Katie A., Jennie L. and Lydia E. Mr. Fetter and his family worship at St. John's Church, where they are members of the Lutheran congregation, and he has been very active in the work of that organization, having served as deacon eleven years in succession, as superintendent of the Sunday school for three terms, and since 1907 as elder. He takes a keen interest in all the activities of the congregation and is one of its most valued workers. He is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leck Kill.

JOHN F. FETTER, son of Benneville, was born Nov. 16, 1871, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he received his education, attending school at Leck Kill. Leaving school at the age of eighteen years, he went to Mount Carmel to learn the carpenter's trade when he attained his majority, and has been engaged at that work ever since, being established in his native township. Since the spring of 1909 he has also been engaged in farming, owning forty-nine acres located along Line Mountain. This



was formerly the Solomon Enderline homestead and subsequently owned by E. B. Tschopp, who built the present frame residence in 1893. Mr. Enderline operated a tannery there for many years.

On Dec. 30, 1893, Mr. Fetter married Annie Brosius, daughter of Michael and Katie (Bush) Brosius, and they have had two children, Katie L. and Lloyd A. All this family are members of the Reformed congregation at St. John's Church. Like his father, Mr. Fetter is a Republican in politics, and socially he affiliates with Mount Carmel Commandery, No. 22, Knights of Malta, and with the carpenters and joiners organization, No. 711, at Mount Carmel.

DANIEL S. SCHWARTZ, one of the leading and substantial farmer citizens of Jordan township, was born on the Schwartz homestead there Sept. 23, 1846, and is now the owner of that place. He is a great-grandson of Peter Schwartz, the founder of the family in Northumberland county, who came hither from his native county, Berks.

The emigrant ancestor of this old Pennsylvania family was one Nicholas Schwartz, and he was one of the early residents of Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa. (There was another Nicholas Schwartz in Berks county, a much earlier settler there.) In 1759 he was assessed, paying fourteen pounds tax, and one Daniel Schwartz, who paid two pounds, is said to have been his brother. In the tax list the name is spelled Swartz, but in his last will and testament Nicholas wrote the name Schwartz in legible German. In this document, which is on record in Will Book 2, page 336, in the Berks county courthouse, he gives his occupation as shoemaker. On May 9, 1778, during the progress of the American Revolution, letters of administration were granted to his wife, Mary Elizabeth Schwartz, and their sons John and Samuel. Nicholas Schwartz made ample provision for his beloved wife, who was to receive annually 18 bushels of good wheat, 100 pounds of pork, 50 pounds of beef, 6 pounds of good wool, 10 pounds of "heckled" flax, 8 pounds of hemp, 2 barrels of good cider and 3 gallons "oyl." The children of Nicholas and Mary Elizabeth Schwartz were seven in number, five sons and two daughters: John, Samuel, Daniel, Christian, Nicholas, Sarah and Mary Elizabeth. The estate being a large one, all received considerable for that day, John and Samuel obtaining land: the homestead it appears was divided into two parts, John receiving that part on which stood the original set of buildings. Daniel received a tract of land and twenty-five pounds in money. Christian was to receive 200 pounds in money and a mare not over ten years old. Nicholas received 200 pounds in money, Sarah a like amount, and Mary Elizabeth 100 pounds in money.

When the first Federal Census Report was taken,

in 1790, Samuel Schwartz lived in Longswamp township, Berks county, was a farmer, and head of a family consisting of himself and wife, a son then over sixteen years old, and four sons under sixteen, as well as three daughters. It was his eldest son, Peter, born 1763, died 1831, who founded the family in the territory now embraced in Jordan township, Northumberland county, he having settled near Urban, the business center of the township.

There were a number of other Swartzes in Berks county at this period, the following wills being of record there: Book B, page 209, Casper Swartz, died 1787 (executors John and Leonard Swartz); Book A, page 383, Jacob Swartz, died 1798 (executor, Philipina Swartz); Book 4, page 169, Leonard Swartz, died 1803 (executors Ludwig Swartz and Henry Krum); Book 4, page 436, John Swartz, died 1807 (executors Rachel Swartz and John Garber).

Peter Schwartz, eldest son of Samuel and grandson of Nicholas, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and upon his removal to Northumberland county settled in what is now Jordan township. He took up and bought over three hundred acres of land, located in the vicinity of Urban, which village was founded by his son Daniel on land originally belonging to Peter Schwartz. The latter was a farmer by vocation, and he was a man of progressive and enterprising disposition, erecting a number of buildings and materially improving his holdings. He belonged to the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy and was active in every phase of the church life, holding all the church offices and assisting liberally in the financial support of the organization as well as in the erection of the church edifice. He is buried at that church, as is also his wife, who was a native of Berks county and a member of one of the oldest and most representative families of that region, the Hochs. The inscriptions on their tombstones read as follows:

Hier ruhet  
der Leib von  
Peter Schwartz  
Geboren Sept. den 19ten  
1763

Starb July den 2ten 1831  
Sein alter war 70 jahre  
7 monate und 14 tage

Hier ruhet  
der Leib von  
Debora Schwartz  
Geborne Hochein  
war geboren April den 12ten  
1761

Starb Sept. den 7ten 1833:  
Ehr alter war 72 jahre  
4 monate und 26 tage

Peter Schwartz and his wife had three sons and two daughters, viz.: Daniel; Samuel, a school





teacher, who moved to Mercer county, Pa., and who married a Schaffer (he had a son Jonas); Peter; Catharine, married to George Geise; and Hannah, married to Elias Leitzel.

Daniel Schwartz, son of Peter, was born Dec. 2, 1794, in Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, where he became a prominent citizen of his section. He was a farmer and merchant, owned the farm of 160 acres now belonging to his grandson Daniel Schwartz, and was the founder of the village of Urban (so named by the government when the post office was established), erecting the first building and starting the first store and hotel there. His establishment was the principal business center in the township, and he continued in successful business for many years, during which time he was also active in many ways in promoting the general welfare of the community. He was a valuable member of society. The public school system received substantial encouragement from him and he helped to establish it in his district. He donated the ground upon which St. Paul's (the Schwartz) Church at Urban is erected, and contributed liberally of both time and money toward its erection, was a zealous member of the Reformed congregation there, holding all the church offices, and participated in all the work of that organization. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Rachel (Beisel), daughter of Peter Beisel, was born July 11, 1797, and died Dec. 29, 1862. Mr. Schwartz died Sept. 30, 1857. They were the parents of the following children: David; Josiah, who married Anna Shaffer (she was born May 28, 1826, and died Oct. 4, 1861); Elias; Rachel, Mrs. Smith (she and her husband moved to Indiana); Hannah, Mrs. John Daniel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Elias Shaffer; and Sarah, who married John Emerich (1831-1872).

Peter Schwartz, son of Peter and Debora (Hoch) Schwartz, born Aug. 9, 1805, died Jan. 4, 1885, and is buried at St. Paul's Church. He remained in the vicinity of Urban, where he followed farming and merchandising, owning a tract of about one hundred acres (now the property of Charles Heim and John Byerly) which he cultivated, and for several years carrying on a mercantile business east of Urban. He was twice married, his wives being sisters named Merkel, and the following record found in the cemetery of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy probably refers to his first wife: Hannah Mercklin, wife of Peter Schwartz, born Dec. 11, 1806, died May 20, 1847. His second wife, Elizabeth Merkel, born Dec. 23, 1823, died July 30, 1887. His children were: Daniel M. and Harriet, the latter the wife of Charles Heim.

Daniel M. Schwartz, son of Peter, was an esteemed schoolmaster of his day, teaching at and around Urban, where he was also a merchant for

some years. He was a justice of the peace of Jordan township for many years, and was active in the public affairs, church and social life of the district. Later he moved to Sunbury, where he died Dec. 14, 1903, aged seventy-three years, four months, twenty-seven days; he is buried at Urban. In political connection he was a Democrat. He married Susan Coleman, and they had two daughters, Mary and Jane.

David Schwartz, son of Daniel and Rachel (Beisel) Schwartz, was born July 28, 1819, became a farmer and the owner of the homestead, now owned by his son Daniel S. Schwartz. The property now comprises 104 acres. In 1872 he built the barn now standing on this tract, and he assisted in the erection of the house, which was put up about 1856. He owned another farm, of 130 acres, in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Schwartz was an industrious and prosperous man, and not only looked well after his own affairs, but found time to serve his fellow citizens, holding the offices of school director and supervisor of his township. He was also active in church affairs as a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Paul's Church, holding all the church offices, in fact he was serving the church in an official capacity during the greater part of his adult life. He died June 5, 1887, and is buried at St. Paul's Church.

In 1843 Mr. Schwartz married Elizabeth Schaffer, who was born Feb. 3, 1822, daughter of Michael Schaffer, and died Dec. 25, 1887. They had a family of four children: Catharine, who died young; Daniel S.; Rachel, Mrs. Durell Schaffer; and Amanda, Mrs. Daniel Wert.

Daniel S. Schwartz received his education in the public schools of Jordan township, was reared to farm life, and has continued to follow agricultural pursuits, being the present owner of the Schwartz homestead near Urban. He is a thoroughly respected resident of that locality, has held the office of tax collector of his township, and has served the Schwartz Church in various official capacities, having been elder and trustee. Politically he is a Democrat. He now resides with his son, James Morris Schwartz, on the old home place.

In 1869 Mr. Schwartz married Lydia Geist, who was born Feb. 6, 1844, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hepler) Geist, and died Sept. 7, 1907. To this union was born one son, James Morris.

JAMES MORRIS SCHWARTZ, born March 7, 1870, on his grandfather's farm in Upper Mahanoy township, received his early education in the common schools. Later he attended the commercial college at Williamsport, from which he was graduated in 1894. Meantime, in 1890, he had received his license to teach public school from Prof. William Bloom, and he later received a license from Prof. Ira Shipman, under whom he was granted a professional certificate. He also took





an examination under Prof. Benjamin Apple. His first term was taught in Jordan township in 1890, at the Hebe school, where he also remained for a second term, and his third term was at the Forest school. For the next four terms he was engaged at the Urban school, then for two terms at the Linden school in the same township, and his last term was taught in Washington township—ten terms in all. He met with continued success as an instructor, keeping up the traditions of the Schwartz family, which has had a teacher in every generation on record. He has the retentive memory and active mind characteristic of the family, and his conscientious work made his services as an educator highly valued. Mr. Schwartz is now residing with his father on the old homestead and devoting himself to its cultivation, and he succeeded his father in the office of tax collector of Jordan township, which responsible position he has filled without interruption since 1894. He is a Democrat in politics, and like so many other members of the family a Reformed member of the Schwartz (St. Paul's) Church at Urban, to which his family also belong. He has been secretary of the church council since 1906. Mr. Schwartz is, indeed, a representative member of an old and honored family of Jordan township, one of the most influential in that section of Northumberland county, substantial and valuable citizens who have proved their worth in every generation. They are still interested in the Urban store property, and have other valuable interests.

On March 29, 1905, James Morris Schwartz married Bertha Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman, of Sunbury, earlier of Upper Mahanoy township. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have an only son, Daniel K.

**LONG.** There are three Long brothers, all engaged in farming in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, sons of Samuel S. Long and grandsons of Daniel Long, a native of Berks county, where the family has been settled since the early half of the eighteenth century. On Aug. 30, 1737, the brothers Jacob and Johan Nicholas Long, who were from the Rhine country, Germany, arrived in America on the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.

This Johan Nicholas Long was the ancestor of the Northumberland county family with which this article is to deal. He settled in Rockland township, Berks county, at an early date, and died there in 1782, survived by his wife Elizabeth and children: Mary Appolonia, who married John Kercher; Jacob; Nicholas; John, and Henry. The three last named were under age at the time of their father's death. His will was witnessed by

his brother Jacob, and Paul Grosseup, the ancestor of the Chicago jurist, Peter Grosseup.

Daniel Long was born in Berks county June 2, 1804. He had no brothers, and but one sister, who died young. His father died in Berks county when yet a young man, and his mother, whose maiden name was Krissinger, then came to Northumberland county, Pa., where she married (second) Jacob Raker, of Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township. To her second marriage were born children as follows: Solomon, George, Jacob, Lovina (Mrs. Daniel Malich), Mrs. Harry Keiser and Mrs. John Hoover.

Daniel Long made his permanent home in Northumberland county after coming hither with his mother. He lived in Rockefeller township, and owned two farms, one the place now owned by his grandson William E. Long and the other owned at present by his daughter, Mrs. Permelia J. Conrad. He was a maker of planes, using beechwood in their manufacture. Here he married Catharine Shipe, who survived him, his death occurring Sept. 19, 1876, hers on Feb. 10, 1887, when she was seventy-eight years, nine months, twenty-two days old. They are buried at the Augustaville Lutheran and Reformed Church. Their children were as follows: Barbara Ann married John Martin and they lived in Shamokin township; Elizabeth Ann married Thomas Wolf and they lived at Tamaqua, Pa.; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Sarah, born in 1833, died in 1838; Catharine Ann married Solomon Miller and (second) Andrew Snyder, and lived at Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Ann married Peter Reeser and they lived at Trevorton, this county; Catharine; Permelia J. married Nathaniel Conrad; William, born May 1, 1842, died Sept. 1, 1844.

Samuel S. Long, son of Daniel, was born March 27, 1837, in Rockefeller township, and died Jan. 29, 1904. He is buried at the Augustaville Church previously mentioned, where he was a Reformed member and active in church work, serving many years in the church council. Mr. Long followed farming, owning the place now in the possession of his son William E. Long, who is the third in direct line to own it. He was not only a good farmer, but a man of rare mechanical gifts, making shoes, planes (many of which are still in use in this section), harnesses, etc., could do mason-work, and in fact almost anything he turned his hand to. He served his township as school director. Mr. Long married Mary Conrad, daughter of Daniel P. and Lydia (Kreeger) Conrad, and she survives him, continuing to live on the homestead. She celebrated her seventy-third birthday Jan. 1, 1911. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Long, Daniel C., George M. and William E.

DANIEL C. LONG was born May 4, 1863, was



reared to farming, and has followed that vocation all his life in Rockefeller township. He worked for his parents until his twenty-fourth year, in 1886 commencing to farm at his present location in Rockefeller township, working it on shares until he purchased the property, some years later, when the owner, Isaac Martz, went to Dakota. This was formerly the homestead of Peter Reeser, who erected the present set of buildings on the place. It consists of forty-six acres in Rockefeller township, which contains the most fertile land in the township, and in addition Mr. Long owns a tract of thirty acres which formerly belonged to John R. Malick. There is a good set of buildings on that tract also. Mr. Long has served six years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church at Augustaville, which he has served as deacon since 1902.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Long married Laura Bloom, sister of Urias Bloom, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, and they have had ten children, namely: One that died in infancy; J. Harold; Samuel W., who was educated in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State normal school and is now engaged in teaching public school in Northumberland county; Albert, who died in infancy; Marguerite; Gertrude; Leon U.; Edna; Jean, and Laura.

GEORGE M. LONG was born Dec. 10, 1865, on the homestead farm, where he was reared to manhood. When seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of painter and paper hanger, which he continued to follow for nine years in Shamokin and Williamsport. For ten years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville, and for two years was interested in the same line in Sunbury. In the spring of 1901 he began farming in Rockefeller township, where he now lives, having a tract of seventy-two acres which was formerly the William M. Miller homestead. Mr. Long is one of the best farmers in his district, and his land is in excellent condition and under a high state of cultivation.

On Jan. 17, 1887, Mr. Long married Annie J. Wolf, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Yordy) Wolf, who lived in Rockefeller township. Five children have been born to this marriage: Herman M., who met an accidental death, at the age of seventeen years, six months; John Adam; George William; Harry Elmer, and Mary Janetta. Mr. Long and his family worship at the Augustaville Church, where they are members of the Reformed congregation. He is one of the most esteemed and intelligent citizens of his community.

WILLIAM E. LONG was born Feb. 8, 1873, on the Long homestead, and there grew up, receiving his education in the local public schools.

Farming has always been his occupation, and he is now the owner of the homestead, 140 acres of fertile land, well located, in the southeastern portion of the township. He has never been away from the place. Its buildings are in substantial condition. The house was built in 1873 by his father, who did nearly all the carpenter work himself, leaving many evidences of his workmanship and artistic as well as mechanical ability, for he put in considerable ornamental woodwork, all specimens of his own handiwork. He also built the barn. The soil of this farm is red gravel and well adapted for general crops, Mr. Long also making a specialty of truck, as did his father. He sells his produce at Trevorton, where his father also went to market for years, Mr. Long having customers who have relied on the Longs for their vegetables and fruit for thirty years. He is a typical member of his family, industrious, wide-awake, thrifty and enterprising, and is highly respected by all who know him.

On Dec. 2, 1893, Mr. Long married Daisy D. Foy, and they have had two children, Mildred C. and Ethel May. The Longs attend Zion's Union Church at Augustaville, Mr. Long being a member of the Reformed congregation and Mrs. Long identified with the Reformed congregation. He has served as member of the church council.

The Foy family, to which Mrs. Long belongs, came to Northumberland county from New Jersey, and was early settled in what was originally Augusta (now Rockefeller and Upper and Lower Augusta) township. The first of the name to come hither was Samuel Foy, who was born in New Jersey in 1751 and died in Rockefeller township in 1826. His wife, Osila, died July 5, 1851, aged seventy-three years, eight months, four days. These pioneers are buried side by side at the stone church at Augustaville. They had nine children, among whom were sons Charles and John.

John Foy, son of Samuel, owned and cultivated his own farm in Rockefeller township. He and his wife are buried there, at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, of which they were members. (We have record of John Foye, died April 6, 1883, aged seventy-seven years, five months, twenty-two days, and wife Hannah, died July 7, 1886, aged eighty years, seven months, twenty-eight days, buried at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Rockefeller township.) Their children were: Samuel G.; Catharine, who married Samuel Shipman; Mary, who married Jonathan Harman and (second) Samuel Reeder; Daniel B.; and Harriet, who married Jacob S. Snyder.

Samuel G. Foye (as he wrote his name), son of John, learned the carpenter's trade in his early life and followed it for a number of years. For some years he was mine boss at Bear Valley colliery. Later in life he was a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he owned a large farm.





His first wife was Dinah Bloom, daughter of William Bloom, and they are buried at Malick's United Brethren Church, of which they were consistent members. Among their children was a son Isaac F., who lives in Rockefeller township; he married Lydia Hassinger, and they have five children, William H., Lizzie G., Peter, Daisy and Grace I. By his second wife, E——, Samuel G. Foye had these children: John Wesley, born March 22, 1855, who died in West Virginia Dec. 18, 1897; Raymond; and several others.

Daniel B. Foy, son of John, lived and died in Rockefeller township. He was twice married, his first wife, Maria (Conrad), being the mother of five children: Fannie; John; William; Mrs. Eister; and Daisy D. who married William E. Long. For his second wife he married Sallie M. Rebuck, by whom he had six children: Katie, wife of Charles H. Brosious; Harry, who married Daisy Foy; Andrew C.; Lean; Paul, and Dona V.

GEORGE W. CRAMER, a respected farmer citizen of West Chillisquaque township, who owns a fine farm at Montandon, was born July 16, 1847, in Monroe township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Nathan Cramer and grandson of George W. Cramer. The grandfather came to this section from Bucks or Berks county, Pa., and took up land in Monroe township. He came to his death by foul play, being found dead in a strip of woods with a wound in his head. His children were: Reuben, who became a successful farmer, owning four farms in Snyder county, near Middleburg; Sallie, who married John Gingrich; and Nathan.

Nathan Cramer was born in 1818 in Snyder county, and died in 1880; he is buried at Northumberland. He worked by the day, engaged in fishing on the Susquehanna, and also acted as pilot on that river, becoming a well and favorably known man. To him and his wife, Susanna (Ritter), were born children as follows: Henry, now living at Danville, Pa.; Amelia, who died at the age of seventeen; Frederick, a resident of Northumberland, who died May 12, 1911; George W.; John F., a plasterer, of Danville; and Mary, who married Flemington Houghton and has sons Charles and Fred.

George W. Cramer remained in Snyder county until 1864, in which year he came to Point township, Northumberland county. He continued to follow farm work, to which he had been reared. From Point township he went to Big Island, and then up the north branch, where he was employed for two years, from there moving to Chillisquaque township, where he farmed ten years for Gilbert Voris. For the next three years he was on the Dr. Maclay farm in Turbut township, this county, in 1898 moving onto the D. M. Nesbit farm, where he was occupied for two years. In 1900 he bought the tract of eighty-seven acres, thirteen perches,

at Montandon, in West Chillisquaque township, which has since been his home, this having been part of the Nesbit farm. He is a hard-working man, and has won success by his own efforts, being respected by all who know him for his upright and honorable life. He has the confidence of his fellow citizens, whom he has served for three years in the capacity of school director. Politically he is a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, a member of St. John's Church at Northumberland, which he helped to build. His fine farm is a credit to the locality.

Mr. Cramer married Lucinda Brouse, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Dark) Brouse, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have had the following children: Minnie M. (wife of Frank Hummel), William E., Wesley I., Albert J., Martin L., Bruce S., Leroy E., Lottie M., Hattie B. and Jennie Gertrude.

JOHN W. HOCH, proprietor of the "City Cafe" at Milton, Pa., was born at Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa., Aug. 7, 1859, son of A. S. Hoch, now residing at New Berlin, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hoch is of German ancestry, his great-grandfather having been the first of the family to come from the Fatherland. Samuel Hoch, the great-grandfather, a farmer in Snyder county, died at a comparatively early age leaving a large family of children, of whom John Hoch, grandfather of John W., was among the oldest. The family was separated after this bereavement, and John, then quite a small boy, was hired out to a farmer, an entire stranger, no provision being made for his schooling, which was limited to a few months snatched at intervals in his work. At sixteen he began an apprenticeship to a carpenter, Albright Swineford, receiving his board and clothes, and this business he followed at Middleburg, Pa., through his active life. He retired from business at the age of fifty-seven, and the last few years of his life were spent in Mifflinburg, his death occurring at the age of seventy-seven. His wife, Elizabeth Swineford, a daughter of his former employer, died at New Berlin, Pa., and both were buried at Middleburg, her birthplace, and their home during the greater portion of their married life. She was a Lutheran in faith, and Mr. Hoch belonged to the Reformed Church. He held various offices in the church at Middleburg, and at one time saved the edifice being sold by the sheriff, raising a subscription for this purpose. This task was undertaken on foot through Centre and Union counties, and many weary miles were traversed before the object was accomplished. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and held a few minor offices. He was a hard worker and during his time accumulated two competencies, the first having been lost through the dishonesty





of others. He had three children: A. S.; Mary M., who married Samuel E. Long, of Butler Co., Pa.; and Abraham, who died in infancy.

A. S. Hoch was born June 11, 1836, at Middleburg, and there acquired his schooling. While still a boy he was compelled by his father's reverses to assist in the support of the family, as he could earn fifty cents per day at carpentering. His hard work as a boy undermined his health, and as he could no longer work as a carpenter, he accepted a position as clerk for Daniel J. Bogar, of Middleburg, at ten dollars per month and board. After a short time Mr. Bogar failed, and Mr. Hoch clerked for two years for Reuben Keller, at Adamsburg. In 1860 he established a business of his own at Margaret's Mills, his capital amounting to \$39 at the time. He had, however, the confidence of monied men, who assisted him, and in 1861 he transferred his business to Kelly Cross Roads, and later opened another store at Kelly Point, where he was the first merchant. He built up a large trade at both places and was instrumental in having a post office established at each place. In March, 1888, he moved to New Berlin, where his son was in business as senior member of the firm of Hoch & Kline, and by purchasing Mr. Kline's interest entered the firm which then became Hoch & Son. Five years later he retired, and the firm became Hoch & Oldt. Mr. Hoch is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has twice been elder, and for two years was president of the Christian Endeavor Society. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Lewisburg. On April 16, 1857, Mr. Hoch married (first) Amelia Saltzman, born in November, 1838, in Adamsburg, Pa., daughter of William and Catherine Saltzman. She died June 18, 1884, and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Kelly township, Union county. To this union came two children, of whom Lizzie died in childhood; and John W. was the other. On Oct. 16, 1888, Mr. Hoch married (second) in White Deer township, Union county, Ida M. Keefer, born in Union county, daughter of Martin and Utica (Herman) Keefer. Mr. Hoch is a Republican, and has been assessor, overseer of the poor, school director, and while in New Berlin a member of the borough council and its president for three years.

John W. Hoch attended the schools near his home and improved his time by study at home. He taught school for fifty-four months, forty-six of which were passed in one building in Kelly township, Union county. Later he entered the mercantile business, and was successfully engaged in that line for twenty-one years, at New Berlin, selling out in 1906. He then retired from active work, but idleness did not suit him and on Feb. 8, 1908, he bought out C. A. Hood at Nos. 112-114 Front street, Milton, where he has a fine up-

to-date restaurant. All the work is done under his personal supervision, and to those who know him that speaks for first class service.

Mr. Hoch married Ida C. Stahl, daughter of Jeremiah Stahl, of Union county, and they have had children as follows: Joyce married the Rev. W. E. Peffley, a minister of the Evangelical faith stationed at Scranton; Albright S. and Elmer E. are at home. Politically Mr. Hoch is a staunch Republican, and for eleven years he served as postmaster at New Berlin. He was a member of the school board for six years, and for a time was president of the borough council. He is a member of Mifflinburg Lodge, No. 370, F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 163, I. O. O. F., of New Berlin. He is a man of good business and executive ability, and is strictly honest and upright in all his dealings.

FRANK P. WALDRON, farmer of Turbut township, was born in that township Sept. 25, 1852, and has passed all his life in this section.

Mr. Waldron's first ancestor in this region was his great-grandfather, Cornelius Waldron. The family has been established in America from Colonial days, and is of Dutch origin, its founder in this country, Baron Waldron, having come from Holland to what was then New Amsterdam, now New York, in 1660. After the English took possession of New Amsterdam the family moved to New Jersey, and Cornelius Waldron, above mentioned, moved from Hunterdon county, N. J., to Pennsylvania in 1785. His first location was near Muncy, in what is now Lycoming county, and afterward he bought a farm in Brady township, that county, still later buying land at the mouth of Muddy run, in Northumberland county. He moved his family to this place, where he was accidentally killed while felling a tree. He was laid to rest in the old Warrior Run burying ground. Cornelius Waldron served as a captain in the Revolutionary war and after its close was captain of a military company.

Laffert Waldron, son of Cornelius, was born in 1784 in Hunterdon county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania with his father, and purchased the farm on Muddy run. But he soon sold it and bought a place about a mile east, in Turbut township, from the Kellehner estate—the place afterward occupied by his son William. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm in 1837. His wife, Hannah (Webb), died in 1832, and they are buried at the Warrior Run Presbyterian Church. The family attended services there. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron had the following children: John, Cornelius, Richard, William, Charles, David, M. D., Mary (Mrs. Sloat), Sara (Mrs. Sloat), Jane and Hannah. Laffert Waldron was a fine penman, and some of his work now in the possession of his grandson, Charles L.



Waldron, of Milton, shows unusual ability; though it is over a century old it is not faded, and it is well cared for by the present possessor, who prizes it highly.

William Waldron, son of Laffert, was born Sept. 17, 1814, on the old farm, and received his education in the township schools. He followed farming all his life and prospered by dint of industry, winning the respect of all who knew him because of his upright methods and high Christian character. Though his own affairs demanded constant attention he was progressive, and recognized the fact that a citizen owes his duty to his community as much as to his immediate personal interests, and he did his share in local matters, filling various township offices and serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. The cause of public education, not a particularly popular one in his early manhood, also received his earnest support, and all his children received good advantages. He was an original member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., and an original stockholder of the First National Bank of Milton, giving his influence and support to all institutions which in his opinion would be of general benefit. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian, an active and consistent member of the Milton Church. He died in 1901.

In 1841 William Waldron married Anna Hilgert, daughter of Philip and Catherine Hilgert, of Chillisquaque township, and she died in 1900, at the age of eighty years. Ten children were born to this union: Philip H., who served during the Civil war in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; William A., of Michigan; Charles Laffert, of Milton; Frank P.; George W., who married Ida Brobst; John C., who married Mary Kerr; James M., who graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, became a civil engineer, was formerly in Georgia and is now engaged in the construction of the subway and tunnels in New York City; Hannah J., who married Ephraim Deitch, of Williamsport; Mary, who married James Marsh, of Michigan; and Sarah Elizabeth, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Frank P. Waldron received his education in the schools of the home township, and was employed with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years. From that time on he was engaged in farming on his own account, in West Chillisquaque township, where he was situated until 1904, the year in which he removed to Turbut township and settled upon his present farm. This was the old William Marsh farm. It contains 134 acres, and is now known as "Meadow View Farm." It is a fine tract of limestone soil, plentifully supplied with good water, and Mr. Waldron has been decidedly successful in his agricultural operations. He has been a public-spirited citizen, wherever found, and during his residence

in Chillisquaque township served seven years as member of the board of school directors, was chosen treasurer of that body three times and served one year as president. At present he is serving as auditor of Turbut township. He has been as faithful and conscientious in the administration of its affairs as he is in the discharge of his personal obligations and his services have been greatly appreciated. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religious matters he is identified with the Reformed denomination, belonging to the church at Milton.

On Jan. 18, 1877, Mr. Waldron married Susan M. Hummel, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Lantz) Hummel, and they have had children as follows: Sarah E., who is at home; William C., now living at Reading, who married Grace Rundeo, and has a son, Frank P.; Annie M., unmarried; John L.; Henry H., who died when six years old; and George A., who died at the age of twelve.

John Hummel, grandfather of Mrs. Waldron, followed farming near Freeburg, Snyder county, where he died. He married Susan Hilbish, and they had children: Henry, John, Caroline (Mrs. Charles Rhode) and Susan (Mrs. Benjamin Rhine).

Henry Hummel, son of John, was born in Snyder county, Pa., and died in Northumberland county, at Milton, Nov. 1, 1900, aged seventy years, seven months, thirteen days. All his life he followed farming, owning a farm place in Chillisquaque township, along the Susquehanna river. Fifteen years before his death he removed to the borough of Milton, where he passed the remainder of his days. To him and his wife Sarah (Lantz), daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Martz) Lantz, were born children as follows: Susan M., Mrs. Frank P. Waldron; Sarah J., Mrs. Ogden Brown, living in Union county, Pa.; Catharine A., who married Irwin Romig; William E., who makes his home with his sisters Mrs. Waldron and Mrs. Brown; and John S., who married Anna Gillinger and has one son, Jackson.

HAAS. The Haas family has had many worthy representatives in Northumberland county in the last century or so, and the late Dr. Joseph Haas, for years a familiar and beloved figure all over the Mahanoy Valley, where he practiced medicine for over fifty years, has left several sons to perpetuate an honorable name. The only one who followed in his footsteps in the choice of a life work is Dr. Richard P. Haas, of Williams-town, Dauphin county; but the other three are still residents of their native county, John P. Haas engaged as a merchant at Shamokin, Edward L. Haas occupying the old homestead in Jackson township, and William H. Haas engaged as a farmer at Dornsife. The late John B. Haas,





long engaged as a merchant at Sunbury, was also of this family, his father, Daniel Haas, having been an uncle of Dr. Joseph Haas.

The earliest of this name at Sunbury, from which section the members of the family have scattered to different locations, was Frederick Haas, who died late in November, 1813, and was buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. His son John was his administrator. He had a brother Henry, who departed this life in January, 1805; and another son, Lawrence, who had been a resident of Jackson township, died in the summer of 1803. In 1814 John and William Haas were taxable residents of Little Mahanoy township, this county.

John Haas, the great-grandfather of John P. Haas, of Shamokin, was also one of the pioneers of Sunbury. He came from the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa., and learned the trade of blacksmith with Paul Baldy. He first engaged in business as a distiller, having built a small distillery on the Center turnpike, two miles east of Sunbury, and after discontinuing operations there erected a sawmill on the land later owned by Dr. R. H. Aul. But the dam was twice washed away, and he was ruined financially, being obliged to begin business again on borrowed capital—a thousand dollars loaned to him by one of his boyhood friends, Joseph Heister, of Reading, who served as governor of Pennsylvania. He was thus enabled to engage as a merchant at Sunbury, where he was located before 1802 in a small log building on the north side of Market street, where the building of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company is now located. Before 1808 he erected the brick house near the northwest corner of Market and Fourth streets where he continued in business for some years. In 1814 he purchased twenty-three acres of land and built the old stone mill known as "Haas's Stone Mill" on Little Shamokin creek, in Upper Augusta township, just east of Sunbury, operating this mill in connection with his store and becoming quite prosperous. Mr. Haas was born in 1764, died Jan. 17, 1828, and is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Maria Elizabeth (Druckemiller), born May 2, 1770, died Nov. 16, 1845. They were the parents of the following children: Henry lived and died at Sunbury, where he was proprietor of the "Central Hotel"; Frederick is mentioned below; Daniel always lived in Sunbury, where he was born in 1806, and at the time of his death was the oldest native resident of that borough; George died Nov. 3, 1835, aged thirty-six years; Margaret married John Shammo and they lived at Millersburg, Pa., until their removal to Rockford, Ill. (Mrs. Shammo's nephew, Charles Haas, visited them there in

1872); Catharine married John Boulton and they made their home in Sunbury.

Frederick Haas, son of John, was born in Sunbury July 31, 1796, conducted the Haas mill for some years, and was a popular and esteemed citizen of his day, well known all over the county. He was a Democrat in politics (as were all his sons) and stood favorably in the party. Having been chosen to fill an unexpired term as county commissioner, he was at the end of the term elected to serve a full three years, 1856-59, discharging his duties with the highest intelligence and efficiency. Mr. Haas married Sarah Zimmerman, who was born June 20, 1798, and died Sept. 30, 1862, a little over a year after his own death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1861. They are buried in the family plot in the South Fourth street cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were members of the German Reformed Church, in which he was long a zealous worker, holding various offices and attending services with great regularity. He took his children with him to Sunday morning worship and sat among them, and though a strict parent he was a most loving one. He had a large family, twelve children, as follows: John (July 12, 1819-Feb. 20, 1846), Mary Elizabeth (Aug. 20, 1820-May 9, 1845, wife of John Hower), William, Deborah, Sarah, George (Dec. 17, 1827-March 31, 1845), Dr. Joseph, Catharine and Margaret (twins), Charles, Henry and Amelia.

JOSEPH HAAS, M. D., son of Frederick, was born Jan. 17, 1830, in Upper Augusta township, near Sunbury, and was there reared on the farm, receiving his early education in the local schools. He also learned milling with his father, but at the age of nineteen he began the study of medicine with Dr. J. W. Peal, of Sunbury, completing his course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1852. From that time until his death, for over fifty years, he was located at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, and had an extensive practice in the Mahanoy Valley, where his long and faithful ministrations caused him to be venerated and beloved by all who knew him. His record is one of remarkable devotion to his chosen life work. No weather was ever too inclement to serve him as an excuse for not attending a patient, and though he was in his seventy-fifth year at the time of his death, Jan. 30, 1905, he was on his way to respond to a professional call when heart failure, brought on by cold and exposure, suddenly brought his useful life to its close. He had started out in his sleigh over a cold country road, and a passing traveler, noticing his position and stopping to investigate, found him lifeless. He was only about half a mile from his home at the time. Few men have been more widely mourned, or more keenly missed, for his friends and patients, particularly





in the country districts in the southwestern part of the county, were numerous. He was buried at St. Peter's church. Dr. Haas owned a farm of about two hundred acres in Jackson township, and looked after its cultivation, which he found quite profitable. He was a Democrat in politics, and though not active in public matters with any idea of obtaining favors for himself took an interest in such things as affected the general welfare. He was instrumental in the establishment of the free school system in his township and served as a member of the first school board. Socially he was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

On Oct. 23, 1855, Dr. Haas married Mary Frances Peal, daughter of Dr. John W. Peal, of Sunbury, and they were looking forward to the celebration of the golden anniversary of their marriage when he was so suddenly taken away. Mrs. Haas, who is now (1910) eighty-one years old, lives at the old homestead with her son Edward; she has been blind since November, 1904. Four sons were born to Dr. and Mrs. Haas: Dr. Richard P., of Williamstown, Pa.; John P.; Edward L.; and William H., a farmer at Dornsife, Northumberland county.

JOHN P. HAAS, son of Dr. Joseph, was born Sept. 4, 1858, in Jackson township, where he was reared. He began his education in the local schools, later attending Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. Returning to Jackson township, he worked upon the home farm until he attained his majority, since which time he has been a resident of Shamokin. He began life here as a clerk, and after gaining the necessary experience embarked in business on his own account, in 1893, establishing himself in the grocery business at Sixth and Spruce streets, where he is still located. He does a large business, being one of the foremost merchants in his line in the West End of Shamokin. He is a director of the Market Street National Bank and of the West and Black Diamond Building and Loan Associations. His business affairs have prospered under judicious management, and he is a substantial and respected citizen, giving all his time to his private interests and taking no part in public matters. He is a Democrat politically, and fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum and Woodmen of the World. His religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church.

Mr. Haas married Sarah A. Zartman, and they have had a family of seven children: Charles W. died in infancy; F. May graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1900 and has taught public school in that borough eight years; Howard R. graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1904 and is now in the office of Kearney & Raker, attorneys (he married Estella E. Zaring); Clarence R. graduated from the high school in

1906 and is now engaged as bookkeeper for the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Company; Willard F. died in infancy; Chester A. and Grace Z. are still in school.

Mrs. Sarah A. (Zartman) Haas was born Nov. 12, 1857, in Jackson township, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Seiler) Zartman, and granddaughter of Martin Zartman, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who on removing to Northumberland county settled in Jackson township. He is buried at Kneass station, in that township. His children were Daniel, Samuel, Isaac and Elizabeth.

Daniel Zartman, father of Mrs. Haas, followed farming upon the homestead in Jackson township, where he died. His children were: Harriet died aged twenty-one years; Daniel died when five years old; Isaac married Elizabeth Daniels, and died at the age of forty-three; Mary is the widow of David Knorr; Rebecca married H. B. Longsdorff; Samuel married Susan Fenstermacher; Elizabeth married H. S. Zimmermann; Sarah A. is the wife of John P. Haas, of Shamokin.

EDWARD L. HAAS, son of Dr. Joseph, was born Nov. 10, 1860, on the farm in Jackson township where he now resides, near Mahanoy. He acquired his early schooling in the township, and later was a student at Berrysburg Academy and the State normal school at Lock Haven, Pa. Mr. Haas has always followed farming, working for his father until the latter's death. In the spring of 1910 he purchased his father's homestead place, a tract of forty-six acres, upon which he lives, and which formerly belonged to Sylvester Hilbush, earlier to his father, Jacob Hilbush, who built the present barn (Aug. 13, 1839) and the large brick house (1855). Mr. Haas is an industrious farmer, intelligent in his business transactions and bearing the highest reputation for integrity and solid worth. He has served his township as school director, and has also been quite active in the Lutheran congregation of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he and his family worship and of which he has been deacon two years. He is a Democrat in his political views.

On Nov. 20, 1888, Mr. Haas married Clara Raker, daughter of D. Z. and Annie (Dornsife) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township. They have had four children: Claud (who died of typhoid fever May 18, 1906, aged seventeen years), Effie, Lester Leroy and Willie Raker.

CHARLES HAAS, who is now living retired in Sunbury, was born Jan. 6, 1835, at "Haas's Mill," where all his brothers and sisters were born. He learned the milling business from his father and continued to follow it for seventeen years, after which, until his retirement, he was engaged at various vocations. He filled various township offices, and for ten years was janitor of the First



Presbyterian Church, giving up that work in the spring of 1910. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a venerable and esteemed resident of the borough in which he makes his home.

Mr. Haas married Sarah Houck, who was born Jan. 4, 1830, and died April 16, 1894. She is buried in the South Fourth street cemetery. Seven children were born to this union: David, John C. (deceased), Henry E. (deceased), Mary A., Franklin C., Samuel E., and Emma J. (deceased).

Daniel Haas, son of John, was a native of Sunbury, Pa., born in 1806, and at the time of his death, Jan. 9, 1891, was the oldest native resident of that borough, where he spent all his life. He was a cabinetmaker, and had an establishment in Sunbury, which he long conducted in partnership with George Renn. They did an extensive business in their day, making furniture and bedsteads, and also carried on an undertaking business. Daniel Haas died at the age of eighty-five years, his wife Margaret (Zimmerman) when seventy-five years old. They are buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. Six sons and six daughters were born to the couple: Peter, now (1911) seventy-eight years old, lives in Sunbury; Samuel died in Council Bluffs, Iowa (he became very wealthy, making his fortune in cattle ranches, and in the packing business; he left a family who still live out there, his sons Harry and Charles being at Council Bluffs); John B. is mentioned below; Albert died at Sunbury, where his widow, Lucy (Heim), is still living; William, who died in Sunbury, was a soldier in the Civil war; Jerry was killed while in active service in the Civil war; Elizabeth died of typhoid fever at Sunbury in her twentieth year; Miss Harriet Haas lives at No. 231 South Fourth street, Sunbury, she and her brother Peter making their home together; Clara married Jacob Swank, train dispatcher of Sunbury, Pa., for the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Catharine married Dr. Elijah Franklin Orser, and she lives with her sister Harriet and brother Peter; twin daughters died small. The six sons were born first, then the six daughters.

JOHN B. HAAS was born in Sunbury Dec. 6, 1835, and was there educated in the public schools. He became a grocer and fruit dealer in Sunbury, handling large quantities of fruit, and also dealt extensively in potatoes, buying apples and potatoes by the carload. He bought beans in large quantities from New York, where entire fields were devoted to their cultivation, and throughout his life was a successful business man, widely and favorably known. His business establishment was near the First National Bank, and the property at No. 242 Market Square still belongs to his widow. His home was at No. 320 Arch street for thirty-eight years.

On Dec. 28, 1868, Mr. Haas was married, after a romantic courtship, to Emma Thayer, daughter of James and Zenecia (Bassett) Thayer, who lived in Yates county, N. Y. Mr. Haas had gone to New York to buy apples, and thus came to deal with James Thayer, whose daughter Emma he subsequently married. It was a case of love at first sight between these young people, and a happier union never was known. She is of "Yankee" origin, being a descendant in the ninth generation from the famous Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. The Eddy family, to which Zenecia Bassett, her mother's mother, belonged, intermarried with the Williams family. Mrs. Haas is a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., of Sunbury, and is the present secretary of that organization, of which she was treasurer five years. She is a prominent member of the Iris Literary Club of Sunbury, of which she is the librarian. This club, which has a membership of fifty, meets once a week at the home of Judge Savidge, whose wife, Mrs. C. R. Savidge, is president. It subscribes to a traveling historical library conducted under the auspices of the State of Pennsylvania and has proved a most interesting organization as well as an avenue of culture to all who enjoy its privileges.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haas were born three daughters: Eva Thayer is the wife of Dr. J. B. Cressinger, a prominent physician of Sunbury; Cora B. married Bert S. Hopkins, a jeweler and optician, and they live at Penn Yan, N. Y., where Mrs. John B. Haas spends her summers; Mary died of diphtheria in 1881, aged six years. Mr. Haas was an Episcopalian, like the other members of his family.

BENJAMIN F. W. LATSHAW, a retired farmer of Jackson township, in his active years one of the prominent citizens and business men of his section, was born there May 19, 1845, in the house built by his great-grandfather, Henry Latsha, and which he and his son still occupy.

Henry Latsha and his brother Johannes (grandfather of the late Frederick W. Latsha, of Washington township) were the founders of the Latsha or Latshaw family now represented among the best citizens of this part of Northumberland county. They were pioneers in this region, and both are buried in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy. The earlier home of the family in this country was in Berks county, Pa., and we give something of its history as found in a recent Berks county work. One Frantz (John Francis) Latshar, a native of Switzerland, came to America on the "Mortonhouse," which qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 24, 1728. On the list of passengers his name is spelled "Frans Latshow." His first settlement in Pennsylvania was near a place called Upland, in Chester county,





where he remained a few years, and then went to Oley, Berks county, later settling in the Tulpehocken Valley in the latter county, where he died. He made a permanent home in Colebrookdale township. His last will and testament, made in 1781, was probated Oct. 29, 1795. He was twice married, the first time in Switzerland, and tradition says his first wife died leaving him a number of small children and no one to help in the house. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia (as the pioneers were obliged to do in those days for merchandise or help) for a woman to look after his home and children. He was told of a young woman of good repute whose husband, a Mr. Gabel, had died on the voyage to America, leaving his wife with two small children. At Philadelphia she began a struggling life with her children, finding a place as servant in a Germantown family. Mr. Latshar became acquainted with her, persuaded her to accompany him home as housekeeper, and later they were married. Her son, Henry Gabel, was taken along with them, and early in life was taken into the Rutter household, the Rutters being the early ironmasters of Colebrookdale, and he fell heir to some of the Rutter money, also being remembered in his stepfather's will. He was a Mennonite, and is buried at Boyertown; his birth occurred in 1734. Frantz Latshar and his second wife had children also. Her maiden name was Sowers, and she was from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county. He left a large estate, which he divided equally among his children, those mentioned in his will, as recorded in Book B, page 398, being John, Frantz, Abraham, Jacob, Mary Lantes (Landis), Henry Gabel (step-son), Rebecca Shelly (deceased, the mother of six children), and Catharine Lantz (step-daughter), of whom Abraham lived on the Hereford township (Berks county) farm and Frantz elsewhere in the same township. We have the following account of the sons.

John Latsha lived in Colebrookdale township, where he died in 1794. He made his will in 1787 (Will Book B, page 360), dividing his estate among his brothers and sisters. He made his home with his brother Jacob, and if he was married he had no children.

Frantz Latshar (Latschar) made his will April 1, 1802, and it was probated July 1st of the same year. His wife Esther survived him and was given 400 pounds in gold. They had three sons, Frantz and Jacob receiving all the land in Hereford township, and John the homestead.

Abraham Latshar lived in the section of Colebrookdale township now included in Washington township. He died in 1814. His will, in English script, but German words, is on record in Volume 4, page 114. His children were: Samuel, Johannes, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Heinrich, Alexander and Abraham. The record from which

this is taken says Heinrich (Henry) lived for a time in Clayton, Berks county, and then left for parts unknown. Evidently he is the Henry Latsha who founded the Northumberland county branch of the family with which this article deals, and Henry and Johannes (born in Washington township, Berks county, 1756, died 1810) Latsha were brothers and sons of Abraham Latsha (Latshar). According to the family Johannes was a son of the emigrant, but that does not agree with the more complete account, and as John the son of Frantz received his father's homestead it seems more likely Johannes was the son of Abraham. And further, it is said that among his father's children were also Henry, who settled in Mahanoy township (which then included a large part of the lower end of Northumberland county) before the Revolutionary war, and Abraham, who settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county.

Henry Latsha, recorded as son of Abraham and Catharine (Sauer) Latsha, was born Aug. 21, 1754, in this country, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Duppendorf, and confirmed by him, when twenty-seven years old, in the faith of the German Reformed Church. He was early in Northumberland county, his name appearing in the list of taxables of Mahanoy township for 1778. He took up 373 acres of land in what is now Jackson township, near Mahanoy, on the Mahanoy creek, by warrant from the Province of Pennsylvania dated July 11, 1769, and ninety-five acres of this tract have never been in any other name. It is now owned by B. F. W. Latshaw, great-grandson of Henry Latsha. The Latsha pumping station is built on the land taken up by Henry Latsha. The first house which he built stood about sixteen feet due east from the present residence, and was accidentally destroyed by fire shortly before 1798, in which year the dwelling which still stands was erected. It was built of logs, now weather-boarded, and is still in fine condition, being occupied by Benjamin F. W. Latshaw and his son B. B. Latshaw and family. Thus the sixth generation eats and sleeps in the house which sheltered the pioneer Henry Latsha, who died there Aug. 7, 1823. He is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. Henry Latsha followed farming, and had all the experiences which confronted the adventurer into these regions in those primitive days. The Indians were his neighbors; he shot many a deer, and wolves and bears were not uncommon in this section then; the creeks swarmed with fish, which the coal dirt and sulphur attendant upon modern industrial operations have killed. A man of more than ordinary education, he conducted a typical subscription school of the time, the "Lehrer" receiving two or two and a half cents per pupil daily in exchange for the elementary educational privileges then afford-





ed. A family or baptismal record, 10 by 18 inches in size, printed on heavy paper, in red ink, made by Henry Latsha, is a tangible testimonial of his skill and acquirements, and is a highly prized possession of his great-grandson, Benjamin F. W. Latshaw. He was nearly six feet in height, well built, weighing about one hundred and ninety pounds, and possessed the endurance necessary for a successful battle with the conditions of those early days. He used to walk to and from Washington township, Berks county, where his people lived, and while making the trip one winter lost his path on the Broad (Blue) mountain; in order to keep from freezing to death he forced himself to walk all night around a big tree, but in spite of his heroic efforts the toes of both feet had to be amputated.

On Aug. 30, 1781, Henry Latsha married Mrs. Catharina Fredericka (Schott) Emrich, Rev. Mr. Enderlein performing the ceremony. One son, Henry, was born to this union. Mrs. Latsha was born May 8, 1745, at Dorrenbach, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Mary Margaretha (Kunst) Schott, and was baptized by Rev. John Daniel Engel, her sponsors being Conrad Rab and his wife Catharina Frederica Irbach. She was brought to this country in 1754 and confirmed in 1759 by Pastor Kurtz, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and on April 11, 1765, she became the wife of Valentine Emrich, Rev. Mr. Kurtz marrying them. Four sons and one daughter were born to her union with Mr. Emrich. Mrs. Latsha died March 17, 1811.

Henry Latsha, only son of Henry, was born March 3, 1783, in Northumberland county, and became a farmer, owning the farm which now belongs to his grandson, Benjamin F. W. Latshaw. He also engaged in merchandising, owning the first store in his section of the county, his business establishment standing opposite the present home of Elias Hilbush, near the Latsha pumping station. Mr. Hilbush's farm was part of the tract of 373 acres taken up by Henry Latsha. A hollow is now the only indication of the site of the store. Mr. Latsha obtained his merchandise by team from Philadelphia or Reading, whither he also hauled what he had to sell or exchange. Like his father he was a man of more than ordinary intellectual acquirements for the day, and he was a substantial and influential citizen. He died Feb. 21, 1863, when only a little less than eighty years old, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, of which he was a Reformed member. His wife, who was a daughter of John Michael Emrich (born in 1757), was born Aug. 11, 1785, and died June 29, 1861. They had three sons and three daughters: Catharine died unmarried; Henry married a Miss Blasser and (second) Rebecca Lease; Jacob married Eliza Grissinger; Sallie died unmarried; Elizabeth married Henry

Rodger; Michael was the father of Benjamin F. W. Latshaw.

Michael Latsha, son of Henry, was born Oct. 21, 1813, on one part of the homestead farm, and himself became a farmer, owning eighty-four acres of the tract of 373 acres taken up by his grandfather. One John Daniel now owns the 84-acre farm. Michael Latsha had a coal yard at Latsha pumping station and dealt in coal for many years; owned and operated the gristmill on the Mahanoy now owned and operated by S. J. Wilkinson; engaged in butchering; and in his various undertakings proved himself a man of much more than ordinary business ability. He served as supervisor and in other township offices, and was active in the work of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, being a prominent member of the Lutheran congregation, which he served in every official capacity. He was a regular attendant at divine services, and for many years one of the most faithful supporters and workers of that church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Latsha died July 12, 1868, and is buried at St. Peter's. His wife, Sarah (Wolf), was born March 18, 1816, and died Dec. 13, 1885. She was a daughter of Anthony Wolf, whose wife, nee Kneiss, was captured by the Indians when quite young and held in captivity for six years. To Michael and Sarah (Wolf) Latsha were born children as follows: Henry, born Oct. 22, 1838, died July 29, 1879, married Elizabeth Kobel, born Aug. 25, 1840, died April 4, 1892; Daniel married Mary Reitz; Mary married Andrew Geist; Hannah married Peter Keiffer; Benjamin Franklin W. is mentioned below; Sarah married John Brower, Sr.; Lovina married Adam Trautman; William married Mary Treon; Galen married Alice Zartman.

(N. B.: One Henry Latsha had another tract of land in Jackson township which extended westward from the farm of the late Rev. J. Charles Smith, located on the road between Mahanoy and Mandata. This tract was one and a half miles long and extended east and west from one mountain to the other, embracing the whole valley. This, however, he sold. Either Henry the pioneer or his son owned this valley.)

Benjamin F. W. Latshaw was reared to farm life, and during his father's lifetime also assisted in the mill and the coal yard, later conducting the coal yard which his father had established. He has sold large quantities of coal in his time. Mr. Latshaw had a successful business career, from which he retired in 1904, and he has ever since made his home with his son, B. B. Latshaw, and family. He is a tall man, six feet in height, and stout, weighing two hundred and fifty pounds, and he enjoys robust health and a good memory, being thoroughly conversant with the early history of his district as well as with the genealogy of his family, in which he is much interested. In



politics he is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Jackson township. He and his family have long been Lutheran members of St. Peter's Church at Malianoy, in whose work he has been active, having served as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer.

On March 29, 1874, Mr. Latshaw married Wilhelmina Schweinhart, daughter of James Schweinhart (whose wife was a Kobel), and she died June 11, 1904, aged fifty-five years, six months, six days. She is buried at St. John's Church, at Latsha station.

BURLINGTON BENJAMIN LATSHAW, only child of Benjamin F. W. and Wilhelmina (Schweinhart) Latshaw, was born Aug. 27, 1877, in the old Latsha home where he still lives. He worked on the pipe line for some years, but since 1904, when his mother died and his father retired, he has been farming the homestead place. He is a substantial and respected young farmer of his community. On Aug. 27, 1896, he married Sarah Stetler, daughter of Rev. D. M. Stetler, formerly of Mahanoy, now the Lutheran pastor at Trevorton. Seven children have been born to this union: Millie (deceased), Ralph, Anna, Luther, Paul, Fred and Daniel.

WITMER. The Witmer family, which has many representatives in Northumberland county at this day, was founded there by Christophel Witmer, who by his wife Christina had children as follows: Christophel (1762-1825), Sarah (1767-1852), Heinrich (1758-1825), Mathias (June 10, 1757-May 5, 1824) and Mrs. Daniel Zerbe. The Witmers with which this article deals are descended from the sons Mathias and Christophel.

Mathias Witmer, son of Christophel, was born June 10, 1757, and died May 5, 1824. His son Johannes, born March 12, 1797, died Oct. 12, 1823.

Daniel Witmer, son of Mathias, was an extensive farmer, owning the farm which is now the property of Joel Lahr, in Lower Mahanoy township. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He is buried at the Zion's Stone Valley Church. He was three times married, by his first wife having children as follows: Jacob, Fannie, Daniel and Elizabeth (wife of Elias Hoover). (At the Stone Valley Church is buried Susana, wife of Daniel Witmer, born Oct. 29, 1798, died Jan. 15, 1831.)

Jacob Witmer, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 7, 1807, and died Sept. 23, 1885. He was a blacksmith by trade and also followed farming, living on and working the place now occupied by his son Isaac, having the forty-acre tract. He held local office, serving as tax collector, and was an active member of the Reformed Church, which he served in various official capacities. He was twice married, his first wife, Sallie, daughter of Hein-

rich Hepner, born April 15, 1809, dying Feb. 6, 1864. His second wife was Catharine (Bonawitz), widow of Michael Radel. All his eleven children were born to the first union: Kate, Benneville, Harry, Anna, Amanda, Mary, Louise, Jesse, Sarah, Isaac H. and Lizzie.

ISAAC H. WITMER, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 13, 1849, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority, since when he has followed agricultural pursuits on his own account. For five years before settling on the place where he has made his home since March, 1881, he was a tenant in this district. His forty-acre tract is located a mile west of Uniontown (Pillow), near the Witmer schoolhouse, and formed a part of the old Daniel Witmer homestead. Since 1886 Mr. Witmer has done business as a huckster, selling his produce in Shamokin, to which borough he makes weekly trips. He is a substantial and respected citizen of his neighborhood.

On Aug. 18, 1873, Mr. Witmer married Lucetta Lenker, daughter of Isaac Lenker, and they have had one daughter, Clara, who is now the wife of Morris Snyder, of Uniontown. Mr. Witmer and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he is serving as trustee. The church is the third on that site, the first house of worship there having been erected in 1775, the second in 1796 and the present edifice in 1900. In politics Mr. Witmer is a Democrat, and he has served his township as school director.

Christophel Witmer (2), son of Christophel, was born in 1762 and died in 1825. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church. He lived near Malta (Vera Cruz) in Lower Mahanoy township, owning the farm which is still in the family name, it having been acquired after his death by Elias Witmer, whose son Harvey C. Witmer now owns it. The place comprises 136 acres, and Christophel Witmer (2) probably built the present dwelling thereon. It was he who built the old 100-foot log barn, which was razed in 1855, the present barn on the property being the third. He married a Miss Reed, and they had children as follows: John; George; Michael; and daughters Sally (married Dietrich Snyder), Christiana (married Peter Heckert), Elizabeth (married Casper Heckert), Mary (married Nicholas Bingenman), and Catharine (married Samuel Borrel).

John Witmer, son of Christophel (2), and grandfather of Hon. Charles B. Witmer, of Sunbury, was believed to be a lineal descendant of Peter Witmer, one of four brothers—Michael, Ulrich, Peter and John—who came from the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland, crossing the ocean in the ship "Hope of London," which arrived at Philadelphia in August, 1733. On Aug. 28, 1733, the





older brothers took the oath of allegiance. All four brothers settled in Lancaster county, Peter later removing to Lebanon county, where he died. The Witmers removed to Northumberland county from Lebanon county, as did also the Lenkers, to which family belonged John Witmer's wife, whose maiden name was Anna Maria Lenker. She was born in 1797, daughter of Adam Lenker, and died in 1865. John Witmer was born Aug. 2, 1792, in Lower Mahanoy township, and died Dec. 1, 1872. He was a farmer, owning and cultivating a 100-acre place, and was well known in the Reformed Church, being a prominent member of the Zion's Stone Valley Church, in which he held various offices. His children were David, Isaac L., Polly and William. The three sons died within a period of six months.

David Witmer, son of John, was born on his father's homestead. In young manhood he was a tenant farmer, but he prospered and died in comfortable circumstances, owning a 191-acre farm in Jordan township. He was a man of influence and intelligence, active in promoting the general welfare as well as successful in the management of his personal interests, served twenty-five years as justice of the peace, was supervisor, and filled other local offices. In political affiliation he was a Democrat. In religion a member of the Reformed Church, he was active in the church at Uniontown, where he belonged, serving as a deacon, elder and trustee, assisting in the erection of the present church edifice, and proving himself a valuable church worker in many capacities. He married Polly, daughter of Jacob Hoffman (who married a Weiser), and of the seven children born to them five died in infancy or early childhood, the survivors being John H. and Jacob F.

JOHN H. WITMER, son of David, was born May 8, 1851, on the farm of his maternal grandfather, Jacob Hoffman. He received his education in the subscription and free schools which flourished during his boyhood, and was reared to farming from the time he was old enough to work, assisting his parents until he reached his majority. It was in the spring of 1877 that he commenced farming in Lower Mahanoy, the township where he has since made his home. His place is a valuable tract of 107 acres located on the road from Vera Cruz (Malta) to Uniontown (Pillow), and was formerly the Peter Reitz homestead, after his day having been owned by Michael Radel, who built the present barn. Mr. Witmer owns a farm adjoining his home place, originally the David Lenker homestead and later owned by Henry Lahr, consisting of 143 acres. His sound business judgment and thrifty management have brought him prosperity, and he has shown an intelligence in conducting his affairs which has won him general respect and confidence among his neighbors. Moreover, he has been a useful man in the administration of local

public affairs, having held the offices of school director, supervisor and assessor, his services covering many years. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Uniontown Reformed Church, but he has not been particularly active in its work, having declined office.

On Oct. 9, 1875, Mr. Witmer was married to Catharine Hoke, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Goodman) Hoke, of Jordan township. Four children have been born to them: Joseph, unmarried, lives at home; Lizzie is the wife of John Adam Snyder, a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Mary Etta married Daniel T. Heckert, son of Emanuel Heckert, and they live on a farm adjoining her father's; John E., who married Susan Deppen, daughter of Samuel Deppen, is a stenographer and typewriter, and also taught school a number of years.

Isaac L. Witmer, son of John, was born Oct. 21, 1826, and died Oct. 9, 1895. He married Annie Bubb, daughter of Michael Bubb and granddaughter of Philip Bubb, who came to America from Germany when sixteen years old and settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Witmer were born thirteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity.

CHARLES B. WITMER, son of Isaac L. and Annie (Bubb) Witmer, was born April 18, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there spent his early life on his father's farm, attending school during the winter and helping with the farm work in the summer season. In the fall of 1879 he became a student in the Uniontown select school, and the same year was licensed to teach, taking the school at Georgetown, Northumberland county. When the term ended he entered the Millersburg high school and also attended the Berrysburg Teachers' normal for several weeks. He next taught in his native township, and in the spring of 1881 entered Union Seminary (now Central Pennsylvania College) at New Berlin, Pa. Meanwhile he supported himself by teaching and other work until his graduation from that institution, in 1883. The next year he became principal of the Georgetown high school. In the fall of 1884 he took the preliminary examination and began the study of law under the tutorage of the late C. G. Voris, who at that time was located at Sunbury. Alternating his studies with educational work, he was in the summer of 1886 principal of the Snyder County Teachers' Normal Institute. In February, 1887, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar, and at once opened an office in Sunbury. In the spring of 1889 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State, and the same year he was appointed solicitor for Northumberland county. On Aug. 20, 1889, he was chosen as the Republican nominee for the office of district attorney. His next honor was as delegate to the





Constitutional convention from the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, comprising Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties. Following he served six years as county solicitor. In 1901 he was the Republican nominee for president judge of the Northumberland county courts, but was defeated by the small majority of 68 votes after a heated contest. This remarkable campaign, however, had the effect of bringing him prominently before the people, and from that time to the present he has been the leader of his party in Northumberland county. In 1902 he was appointed Assistant Attorney in the United States Department of Justice, at Washington, D. C., assigned to the defense of the government against claims arising out of the Spanish-American war, settled by the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission. He held that position until he resigned, in 1904, to assume the duties of chief counsel for the Dairy and Food Department of the State of Pennsylvania, and in February, 1905, he was promoted to the auditor general's department, as special counsel for same. In 1906 he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt United States marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In 1908 he resigned that office, receiving from President Roosevelt that year his appointment as United States district attorney. On the 8th of March, 1911, he was appointed, by President W. H. Taft, United States District judge. It is a generally recognized fact that Mr. Witmer's advancement, professionally and officially, is due to his own efforts, and he is all the more honored because of this fact. He has made his way against obstacles of many kinds, and has pursued his ambitions in spite of the opposition which confronts the self-made man, only serving to stimulate him in following his ideals to their realization. The high position he now holds and which he has long enjoyed in the councils of the Republican party proves that he not only makes friends, but has the faculty of holding them, and the ability to make good in whatever position he is placed.

Mr. Witmer is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows, the S. P. K. and the P. O. S. of A. He has held official position in all the orders to which he belongs. His religious connection is with the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he has long served as a member of the official board; he also was formerly prominently identified with the Sunday school work.

On Oct. 17, 1885, Mr. Witmer married Mollie Beaver, daughter of Isaac Beaver, of Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and they are the parents of three children, namely: John, who is now a college student; and Catharine and Isabella, both of whom are attending public school. Mr. Witmer is devoted to his home and family, with whom he spends much time, and he and his wife are noted for their

kindliness and hospitable disposition, enjoying the good-will of a host of friends.

FRANCIS A. WITMER, son of Isaac L. and Annie (Bubb) Witmer, was born Oct. 28, 1877, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he obtained his early education. Later he attended a summer school at Elizabethville, and the Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, and when seventeen he taught for part of a school term at Washington, in Lower Mahanoy township. After the death of his father, in 1895, he came to Sunbury and lived with his brother, Charles B. Witmer, meantime attending the high school, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then took a special course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and in June, 1899, registered as a law student in his brother's office, studying law and teaching school, being thus engaged for two terms at the Gass schoolhouse in Upper Augusta township. On June 16, 1902, he was admitted to the bar; on May 22, 1905, to the Supreme court; and he has also been admitted to the United States Superior and Circuit courts. He is now in partnership with his brother as junior member of the firm of Witmer & Witmer and engaged in successful practice at Sunbury. Mr. Witmer is a member of the Northumberland Bar Association, of the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 267, and of Friendship Hose Company. He is a member of the Reformed Church and has been active in some of its interests, having been chairman of the publicity committee of the Laymen's Missionary committee of the Eastern Classis held in 1910. Politically he is a Republican.

In September, 1907, Mr. Witmer married Lula G. Yoder, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Miller) Yoder, of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have two daughters, Lillian M. and Annie E. The family home is at No. 1132 East Market street.

Michael Witmer, son of Christophel (?), was born March 29, 1804, and died Jan. 28, 1842. He is buried at Stone Valley Church. He was a man of large build, weighing 240 pounds, and was strong and muscular, being, in fact, the physical champion of his district. All his life he followed farming in Lower Mahanoy township. On April 6, 1824, he married Catharine Phillips, who was born April 9, 1805, daughter of George Phillips, of Berks county, and died Sept. 30, 1889. Their children were born as follows: Anna Juliana, Feb. 23, 1825 (died young); Benneville, Sept. 28, 1826; Michael, March 18, 1828; Anna Maria, Feb. 12, 1830; Elias, Oct. 14, 1831; Sarah, Aug. 25, 1833 (died young); Edward, Jan. 3, 1836 (died young); Susanna and Catharine, twins, Feb. 3, 1838 (Catharine died young); Ephraim, April 21, 1839; Isaac, July 11, 1841 (lives in Perry county, Pa.).

Ephraim Witmer, son of Michael, was born



April 21, 1839, on the Christophel Witmer homestead in Lower Mahanoy township. He was trained to farm work from his earliest boyhood, and engaged in farming on his own account at an early age. During the early sixties he moved to Hickory Corners, in Stone Valley, and there for thirty-two years engaged in farming for his father-in-law, David Hain, afterward farming the same place for himself four years. During this period he was also largely engaged in dealing in horses for twenty-five years. He began by buying and selling horses in his home county, but later went West and bought by the carload, disposing of the animals at public sale in lower Northumberland county, where he was the first to hold a horse sale, being really the pioneer in that trade in his section. He handled as many as 225 head of horses in one year. Though now one of the oldest residents of his district he has a clear memory, and takes particular pleasure in recalling its early days. He is a man of small stature, but retains all the energy which characterized his active career. In his day he has been active in local religious affairs as well as in business, having long been a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, to which his children also belong. He has held the offices of deacon, elder and trustee, and is now serving as janitor.

Mr. Witmer married Harriet Hain, who was born May 31, 1841, daughter of David and Rebecca (Dreibelbies) Hain, the latter a daughter of Isaac Dreibelbies, who came from Berks county. Mrs. Witmer died April 8, 1899, on the David Hain farm, and was buried at Stone Valley Church. Shortly thereafter Mr. Witmer and his daughters moved onto the Zion's Church property, where they have made their home since 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Witmer was born a large family, viz.: David H. is mentioned below; Mary married Edwin Bademan, and they are farming people in Shamokin township; Jonathan H. is mentioned below; Fietta married William Welker and they live in the borough of Shamokin; Sallie married Daniel Harris, and they live in Mandata, this county; William S. died when two years old; one son died in infancy; Ida married Charles Wiest and they live in Sunbury; Cora married Rev. George Koppenhaver and they live at Mahanoy, where he has charge of the Reformed congregation; Charles died aged fifteen years; Wilhelmina Malinda, who is unmarried and keeps house for her father, has been chorister and organist of Zion's Lutheran and Reformed Church, at Stone Valley, since 1900, and is an estimable and intelligent woman, a most useful member of church and society; Lizzie was awarded a teacher's provisional certificate in 1901, and after she had taught three years was given (in 1908) a professional certificate, her school work covering five terms in the public schools, but she is now stenographer in the office of Dr.

M. L. Emerick, of Hickory Corners, and works as an artist during the summer season; Harriet, unmarried, lives at home; Francis died aged two years.

DAVID H. WITMER, son of Ephraim, was born May 31, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township. Like his father he was trained to farm work, and until he was of age he worked for his grandparents, making his home with his maternal grandfather, David Hain, from the time he was three years old, until Mr. Hain's death. After that he bought the property in Lower Mahanoy township, near Dalmatia, where he has since lived and worked. It was formerly the Charles Brosius homestead, and consists of forty-five acres; the original farm was much larger. Though a highly successful farmer, Mr. Witmer devoted much time in his earlier years to teaching. He received an excellent education, supplementing his public school training by study at Berrysburg Academy and a select school at Georgetown (Dalmatia), at which latter place he was under the instruction of Prof. Charles B. Witmer, now a prominent lawyer of Sunbury and the leader of the Republican party in Northumberland county. In 1880 David H. Witmer received his license to teach from William Boal, then county superintendent. His first experience was gained at the McKee school in Lower Mahanoy township, where he taught in all three successive terms. Then for one term he did not teach, and again attended school, after which he was engaged as teacher for three more terms, all in Lower Mahanoy. He had ungraded schools. Mr. Witmer was much esteemed as an instructor, and met with uniform success in his school work. He has been a useful citizen of his community in other ways, having served his township as school director, auditor and treasurer, and he is a Democrat in political faith. Socially he belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, holding membership in Grange No. 1367, at Hickory Corners. Like the members of the Witmer family generally he is a Reformed member of the Zion's Stone Valley Church.

JONATHAN H. WITMER, son of Ephraim, now a prosperous farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in that township Dec. 18, 1863. He received his education in the local public schools and has always followed farm work, continuing to work for his parents until he was thirty years old, having remained at home for two years after his marriage. In the spring of 1893 he began farming near Dalmatia, remaining there one year as a tenant, and was afterward on a nearby farm for two years. His next removal was to the David Hain farm near Hickory Corners, where he farmed six years, thence moving to the Daniel Schaffer farm, in the same township, where he lived for three years. The year before he settled on his present place he and his family lived at Hickory





Corners, removing to the present home in the spring of 1906. Mr. Witmer purchased this place in 1909. It was the old George Harris homestead (Mr. Harris being a pioneer from Montgomery county), and contains 179 acres located near Hickory Corners. After the death of George Harris it was owned by his son Martin Harris. The land is fertile, and near the house is a very fine spring.

Mr. Witmer has been quite prominent in the local interests of the Democratic party and has served a number of years as judge of elections. He has held the office of assessor of his township. He and his family are prominent in the work of Zion's Stone Valley Church as members of the Reformed congregation, which Mr. Witmer has served as deacon continuously since 1898; he has been a member of the church choir for the past twenty-five years.

On Nov. 21, 1889, Mr. Witmer married Lizzie Ellen Koppenhaver, daughter of John and Hannah (Moyer) Koppenhaver, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Catharine (Hepner) Koppenhaver. Four children have been born to them: Mark Nevin, who began teaching school when seventeen years old and is now a student at the West Chester State Normal; May Pauline; Maud Evangeline, and Leah Charlotte.

Elias Witmer, son of Michael, was born Oct. 14, 1831, on the old homestead, and died July 15, 1909. A lifelong farmer, he obtained the original Witmer homestead after the death of his father, and built thereon, in 1893, the present barn, replacing one that had been destroyed by lightning. The farm consists of 136 acres. Mr. Witmer was a Republican in politics and a Reformed member of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, which he served many years as trustee. His family also belonged to that church. He was a public-spirited citizen and gave nearly two acres of land near Vera Cruz for park purposes, this tract being now known as Vera Cruz Hill park; it was planted with maple and other trees by the Reformed Sunday school of the place.

Mr. Witmer's first wife, Hannah Mertz, daughter of Jacob Mertz, died one year after their marriage, leaving one son, Harvey C. His second marriage was to Sarah Oxenreider, daughter of Jacob Oxenreider, and to them was born one daughter, Agnes, now the wife of William S. Engel.

HARVEY C. WITMER, son of Elias, was born June 21, 1863, on the farm where he still lives. He has always followed farming, which he commenced on his own account after attaining his majority, being a tenant on the original homestead for seven years, at the end of which period he moved to an adjoining place, the one on which he has since made his home. This place, which comprises fifty-six acres, formerly belonged to Harry Weaver, his father-in-law, and Mr. Witmer re-

modeled the dwelling, having a comfortable home and fine property. He has prospered in his agricultural work, and owns the homestead of 136 acres in addition to his fifty-six-acre farm. He is local agent for several fertilizer companies. Though he has given his work all the attention necessary to make it profitable, he has found time for active and intelligent interest in local public affairs, has been roadmaster for the past five years, and served seven years as school director. "Hap" Witmer, as he is generally called, is well known and respected in his section. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Reformed congregation at Vera Cruz, of which he was deacon eight years. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia.

On March 8, 1882, Mr. Witmer married Susan B. Weaver, daughter of Harry and Anna (Bonawitz) Weaver, of Lykens Valley, Pa., and eleven children have been born to their union: Annie, who is the wife of John Lahr and has three children, Mary E., Adda A. and Cloyd A. (they live near Dalmatia); William H., who married Grace Deppen; Nora; Stella; Cloyd, who died young; Harvey; Forest, who died when young; Warren; Mabel Alice; John, and Marlan.

Benneville Witmer, son of Michael, was born Sept. 28, 1826, in Lower Mahanoy township. He was an enterprising business man, and prospered steadily in his undertakings, acquiring considerable property by his industrious and thrifty methods. For about seven years he was engaged as a huckster, after that entering the mercantile business at County Line, where he was located for a few years. He then bought what was formerly the Josiah Snyder farm at Vera Cruz, a tract of 146 acres, now divided into two farms, on one of which he lived, and both of which are now owned by his son, Ephraim D. Witmer. One part of this 146-acre farm was at one time the Jacob Witmer homestead. The land is fertile and in a high state of cultivation, equipped with good buildings, and in every way desirable and valuable property. In addition Mr. Witmer owned an adjoining place of eighty-six acres, the John Deppen homestead. He was a leading member of the Reformed denomination in his district, and was instrumental in the establishment, in 1860, of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, serving as a member of the building committee at the time the church was erected. He was always one of the pillars of the congregation, liberal in his support of the church and its work, served as an officer many years, and with his family took an active part in furthering all its enterprises and religious work generally. In politics he was a Republican, and he served his township as school director.

Mr. Witmer married Lydia Deppen, daughter





of William Deppen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Witmer are buried in the Vera Cruz Union cemetery. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Emma J. married Joseph Hepner; Serenus, who was engaged as a public school teacher, died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight; Mary M. married Elias Kebach; Caroline died aged seven years; Ephraim D. is mentioned below; Susan died when thirty-seven years old; William D. is mentioned below; James, also a school teacher, died when thirty years old, only five days after his marriage to Lizzie Bingham, who survives him with their son, James M. (he had been active in politics, a member of the Republican committee of his township, and had been spoken of for high public office); Joseph W. is mentioned below; Jennie L. is unmarried; one daughter died in infancy.

EPHRAIM D. WITMER, son of Benneville, was born July 29, 1862, on the farm where he still resides, situated near Vera Cruz, in the extreme southwestern part of Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming and has followed that calling all his life, purchasing the homestead from the estate after his father's death. In addition he owns an adjoining farm, which was also the property of his father. Mr. Witmer has made numerous improvements in his buildings and on his property, and has done well, meeting with success in his operations, which are conducted on intelligent lines. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of his township, which he has served in the office of school director. In politics he is a Republican.

On Nov. 28, 1887, Mr. Witmer was married to Laura E. Koppenhaver, daughter of John and Hannah (Moyer) Koppenhaver and granddaughter of Jonas and Catharine (Hepner) Koppenhaver and of Daniel Moyer, the latter of Lykens Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer have had two children, William C. (who died in infancy) and Clarence E. The family are Reformed members of St. Luke's Church at Vera Cruz, and Mr. Witmer, who has a fine bass voice, was chorister of that church for twenty years, being still a member of the choir. His son is also musically inclined.

Clarence E. Witmer, son of Ephraim D., was born May 30, 1889, and has been well educated, having begun his education in the local public schools and later attended Union Seminary, at New Berlin, and Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster. He is now assisting his father with the farm work. He married Stella T. Martz, and they have one daughter, Ethel M.

WILLIAM D. WITMER, son of Benneville, born Feb. 25, 1867, in Lower Mahanoy township, received his education there in the common schools. He worked for his father until he was twenty-three years old, on the farm and in the sawmill, and then marrying settled in Dalmatia (Georgetown), where with the exception of a few months,

during which he was with his family at Sunbury, he has since had his home. Upon coming to this locality he began work for his father-in-law, Isaac Fenstermacher, upon the farm, continuing thus for twelve years. At the end of that time he began the manufacture and bottling of soft drinks, for which he found a ready sale throughout the eastern end of Northumberland county. Mr. Witmer has prospered to such an extent that he now owns his own home and place of business, his establishment being equipped with all modern machinery for the facilitation of the work, which has grown to considerable proportions. He ships his goods to various towns. Mr. Witmer has been much interested in the local public welfare, particularly the matter of public education, and was serving as school director at the time of the erection of the modern two-story, four-room building, in 1894. He has been quite active in the local affairs of the Republican party, and has served as delegate to the county convention. While living at his early home Mr. Witmer served as organist for the Reformed congregation of the Vera Cruz Church, and for some years he was a member of the choir of the Reformed congregation at Dalmatia, of which he is a member; his wife is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the same church.

In January, 1891, Mr. Witmer married Lizzie A. Fenstermacher, daughter of Isaac and Lena (Reitz) Fenstermacher, and four daughters have been born to them: Lena A., Oct. 10, 1891; Anna M., June 19, 1896; Mary H., July 31, 1901, and Elsie M., Jan. 17, 1904.

JOSEPH WITMER, son of Benneville, was born Jan. 1, 1871, on his father's homestead, and was there reared to farm life. After leaving the farm he engaged in the mercantile business at Vera Cruz as successor to W. S. Schwartz & Co., entering this line in February, 1897, on his own account. He has since continued the business successfully, and is one of the best known merchants in Lower Mahanoy township, carrying a full line of general merchandise and also dealing in country produce and poultry. Mr. Witmer has been active in politics as a staunch member of the Republican party, and has considerable influence in his locality; he has been delegate to county convention. He and his family are Reformed members of the Union Church at Vera Cruz.

On May 17, 1896, Mr. Witmer married Jennie M. Snyder, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Holshue) Snyder, of Vera Cruz, late of Jackson township, and they have had two children, K. Stanley and Frederick Edison, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Samuel Witmer was born Nov. 6, 1811, and died May 2, 1875, aged sixty-three years, five months, twenty-six days. He is buried at Zion's



Stone Valley Church. Mr. Witmer was a farmer throughout his active years, living upon and owning the farm now occupied by his son Henry S. He served as tax collector of his district. Mr. Witmer married Sarah Spots, born Jan. 11, 1811, died Sept. 12, 1869, and they had a family of four children: John, who died at the age of sixty-eight; Emanuel, deceased, who was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Cornelius, who died in Missouri, where he is buried; and Henry S.

HENRY S. WITMER, son of Samuel, now a retired farmer, was born May 2, 1844, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township, two miles south of Dalmatia, where he is still living. He has been a lifelong farmer, and made a number of improvements upon the property during his active career, building the north end of the barn, which was erected by his father, and putting up the present dwelling on the place during the eighties. The farm contains 109 acres of excellent land, well watered, there being an excellent, never-failing spring near the house. Mr. Witmer has served as township school director. He is a Republican in political matters and in religion a member of the Reformed denomination, belonging to the Reformed congregation at Zion's Stone Valley Church, his wife uniting with the Lutheran congregation at that church.

In 1869 Mr. Witmer married Phoebe Zartman, daughter of Adam Zartman, and to their union have been born seven children, three of whom died young. The survivors are: Frank G. married Martha Mertz; Addie married George Emerick; Emma married John M. Engel; Katie is unmarried.

**WEIDENHAMER.** The progenitor of this family in America was Johannes Weidenhamer, a native of Germany, born Nov. 14, 1726. In 1750 he married Margaret Magdalena Eblinger, and they were survived by five sons and four daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren. Johannes Weidenhamer died Aug. 3, 1804, in his seventy-eighth year. His wife, who was born in 1729, died in April, 1812, when eighty-three years old. The original Weidenhamer homestead in this county was about three-quarters of a mile north of Moselem Springs, Berks county, Pa., on the Easton road.

John (or Johann) Adam Weidenhamer, one of the sons of Johannes, the emigrant, came with the family from Germany. He married Elizabeth Danker, and they lived in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he followed farming. To them were born children as follows: Jacob; Benjamin, who moved to Ohio, where he died; George, who died in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; John; Susanna, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman, whose children were Mrs. Charles Hotten-

stein, Mrs. Peter Dunkle, Mrs. Jacob Hoffman; Maria, Mrs. Daniel Althouse; Sarah, who died unmarried, and Betsy, Mrs. Williams.

Jacob Weidenhamer, grandfather of Edward Weidenhamer, and son of John Adam, was born in 1797 in Berks county. He married Susanna Dreibelbis, born Oct. 1, 1805, who died Dec. 2, 1887. She was a native of Berks county and a daughter of Daniel Dreibelbis, of Richmond township, that county. In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Weidenhamer moved to Montour county, this State, and settled in Limestone township, where Mr. Weidenhamer bought a valuable farm of about two hundred acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1863, in his sixty-seventh year. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Wellington D., who lived and died at Limestone; Sarah, who lived and died at Limestone; William; Daniel, now living in Milton; John A., who died in Watsonstown; and Elizabeth E., who first married John Sheep and later Emanuel Mauser, and had two children, Edward Sheep and May Mauser.

William Weidenhamer, father of Edward Weidenhamer, was born Jan. 29, 1831, in Berks county, and died July 7, 1910, near Milton, Northumberland county. He married Margaret Kutz, born Feb. 8, 1836, died Aug. 16, 1887. She was the daughter of George Kutz, born June 8, 1798, died Dec. 25, 1863, and his wife, Anna (Kilpatrick), born Jan. 9, 1803, died July 19, 1876. William Weidenhamer and his wife bought the farm, one mile east of Milton, on which they lived for over forty years. They were industrious, respected and influential citizens in that community. Mr. Weidenhamer was one of the original directors of the Pleasant Valley Creamery and Milton Fair Association and filled many other responsible positions. Eight children was born to his marriage, as follows: Clarence A. married Lou Platt, and has four children, May, Florence, Frank and Clarence; Harry married Jane Seers, and has five children, Gertrude, Lloyd, Sidney, Margaret and Alice; Thomas S. lived and died at Milton, passing away in his forty-ninth year; William married Sarah Biddle and lives in Altoona; Edward is mentioned later; Ada G. married Lloyd Cooper and lives in Altoona; Ellis C. married Clara Burton and has two children, Norma and Burton; George S. married Ella Smith and has four children, William, Viola, Edward and George, Jr.

EDWARD WEIDENHAMER, son of William, was born Jan. 31, 1866, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, near the borough of Milton, Pa. His early education was neglected because it was necessary for him to work on his father's farm. Before he was twelve years old he drove team regularly and made a full hand hauling building stone from the farm to Milton. At the age of eighteen his father allowed him to leave







Edward Weidenhauer





home and earn his own living. He then worked mornings, evenings and Saturdays for his board, and walked four miles each day to attend school. He was a faithful student and his progress in his studies was rapid. During the winter of 1887 and 1888 he taught school six months in Turbut township at the maximum salary, thirty dollars a month. In April, 1888, he entered the junior class of the Central State normal school at Lock Haven, Pa., using the money he had saved to advance his education, and in June passed the examination admitting him to the senior class of that school. That fall he again taught school in Turbut township, at an increase in salary. In 1889 he entered the senior class of the Central State normal school and graduated in June, 1890, at the head of his class. He was immediately elected principal of the Fourth Ward schools of Lock Haven, Pa., and held this position until the fall of 1892, when he entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. During the summer of 1893 he began to work for Ginn & Company, school book publishers, and by working for them during each vacation he earned enough money to pay his expenses the following year at college. In June, 1896, when he graduated, President George E. Reed of Dickinson College said: "Mr. Weidenhamer has, in my judgment, every qualification for any position to which he may aspire, and will be sure to give satisfaction. I know of no man whom I could more heartily recommend."

Since graduating Mr. Weidenhamer has given all his attention to the book business, in which he has been very successful, being at present general agent for Ginn & Company, with fifty-three counties in Pennsylvania under his charge. He is himself the author of a well-known textbook, "Weidenhamer's Mental Arithmetic," nearly 500,000 copies of which have already been sold throughout the United States. Mr. Weidenhamer has been a useful citizen in Milton, where he has served as president of council and in many other prominent positions. He is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and of Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree.

In February, 1901, Mr. Weidenhamer married Alice M. Hanna, daughter of W. B. Hanna, of Lock Haven, Pa. They have one daughter, Helen, born in August, 1902.

JOHN GOSS has lived on his present farm in Ralpho township since he bought the property, in 1890, and he has made a number of valuable improvements there during that time. He is a son of James Goss and grandson of William Goss.

James Goss was a shoemaker and followed that trade in Shamokin, this county, later removing to what is now Ralpho township, where he died Dec. 30, 1854, aged forty-seven years, seven months. He is buried at the Blue church. His

wife, Mary M. (Dunkelberger), daughter of Henry Dunkelberger, survived him, and died near Paxinos, in Ralpho township. She remarried, becoming the wife of James Van Horn. Five children were born to her union with James Goss: Benneville, Elizabeth, William, John and Reuben. By her marriage to Mr. Van Horn she had three children: Franklin P., Monroe D. and Mary.

John Goss was born Aug. 27, 1848, in Shamokin, and he received his education in the public schools near his boyhood home. When a young man he learned blacksmithing, but he followed the trade only a short time, engaging in farming. In 1890 he bought the property he now owns in Ralpho township. In 1896 he built the present dwelling on that place, where he has also erected other buildings, having brought the farm into excellent condition, both as to land and improvements. Though a busy man he has found time to serve the township as school director, and he has also been an active member of the Blue Church, in which he has been elder. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Goss married Mary M. Bear, daughter of William and Susanna (Rothermel) Bear, and they have three children: Ada L. married Thomas W. Smith and has a son, Frank L.; Catharine R. is the wife of Frank Erdman, at present serving as county commissioner of Northumberland county; and Anna C. is the wife of Aumond J. Startzel.

LATSHA. The Latsha or Latshaw family, which has many representatives among the best citizenship of Northumberland county, is descended from one Frantz (John Francis) Latshar, a native of Switzerland, who came to America on the "Mortonhouse," which qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 24, 1728. On the list of passengers his name is spelled "Frans Latshow." His first settlement in Pennsylvania was near a place called Upland, in Chester county, where he remained a few years, and then went to Oley, Berks county, later settling in the Tulpehocken Valley in the latter county, where he died. He made a permanent home in Colebrookdale township. His last will and testament, made in 1781, was probated Oct. 29, 1795. He was twice married, the first time in Switzerland, and tradition says his first wife died leaving him a number of small children and no one to help in the house. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia (as the pioneers were obliged to do in those days for merchandise or help) for a woman to look after his home and children. He was told of a young woman of good repute from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county, whose husband, a Mr. Gabel, had died on the voyage to America, leaving his wife with two small children. At Philadelphia she began a struggling life with her children, finding a place as servant in a Germantown family. Mr. Latshar became



acquainted with her, persuaded her to accompany him home as housekeeper, and later they were married. Her son, Henry Gabel, was taken along with them, and early in life was taken into the Rutter household, the Rutters being the early ironmasters of Colebrookdale, and he fell heir to some of the Rutter money, also being remembered in his stepfather's will. He was a Mennonite and is buried at Boyertown; his birth occurred in 1734. Frantz Latshar and his second wife, whose maiden name was Sowers, had children also. He left a large estate, which is divided equally among his children, those mentioned in his will, as recorded in Book B, page 398, being John, Frantz, Abraham, Jacob, Mary Lantes (Landis), Henry Gabel (stepson), Rebecca Shelly (deceased, the mother of six children) and Catharine Lantz (stepdaughter), of whom Abraham lived on the Hereford township (Berks county) farm and Frantz elsewhere in the same township. We have the following account of the sons.

John Latsha lived in Colebrookdale township, where he died in 1794. He made his will in 1787 (Will Book B, page 360), dividing his estate among his brothers and sisters. He made his home with his brother Jacob, and if he was married he had no children.

Frantz Latshar (Latschar) made his will April 1, 1802, and it was probated July 1st of the same year. His wife Esther survived him and was given 400 pounds in gold. They had three sons, Frantz and Jacob receiving all the land in Hereford township, and John the homestead.

Abraham Latshar, half brother of John (mentioned just below), served several years in the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of major. Jacob Latsha, full brother of Abraham, was a lieutenant in the Revolution, in which he served a number of years. Abraham Latsha lived in the section of Colebrookdale township now included in Washington township. He died in 1814. His will, in English script, but German words, is on record in Volume 4, page 114. His children were: Samuel, Johannes, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Heinrich (who lived for a time in Clayton and then left for parts unknown), Alexander and Abraham.

The founder of the branch of the family in Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, John or Johannes Latsha (Latshaw), was undoubtedly immediately connected with the Latshas referred to above, having been born in 1756 in Washington township, Berks county. According to the family he was a son of the emigrant, but that does not agree with the more complete account, and as John the son of Frantz received his father's homestead it seems more likely he was the son of Abraham. It is said that among his father's children were also Henry, who settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, be-

fore the Revolutionary war, and Abraham, who settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county (evidently the Abraham referred to above).

John Latsha, born in 1756, died in 1810, and is buried with two of his sons, Joseph and Gideon, in a private cemetery on the farm where he lived and died. If not the first settler in what is now Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, he was among the very first, as he had three acres of his land cleared for farming before the Revolutionary war. He took up a tract of 304 acres from the Commonwealth, erected the first set of buildings on the land (these in later years giving way to more modern structures), and followed farming there, his home being near Mahanoy Church, where he died. He served in the Revolutionary war, according to one account under Captain Farmer, and after his discharge had two thousand dollars coming to him. The Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume II, page 417, record one John "Latscha" a private in Capt. Lewis Farmer's Company, Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 1776; Samuel Miles, colonel.

John Latsha's wife, Catharina (Daniel), was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Jan. 28, 1763, and died Oct. 31, 1852, in her ninetieth year. (N. B.: These dates are given for Susanna, nee Daniel, wife of Johannes); she is buried in the graveyard at Mahanoy Church. Seven children were born to this pioneer couple: John, Johann Henry, Frederick, Daniel, Catharine, Magdalena and Elizabeth. Of these, John was a farmer and lived in Washington township. His wife, Maria Catharine Shutt, bore him children as follows: John, Wendel (born March 4, 1811, died March 4, 1876; wife Susanna Gonser, born March 28, 1815, died Dec. 17, 1892), Isaac, George, Daniel, Bevy and Ketty.

Johan Friederich Latsha, son of John and Catharina (Daniel), was born Aug. 27, 1788, was a farmer, and lived and died on the farm in Washington township now owned by William M. Latsha; this was the old homestead, and at the time of his ownership it comprised 133 acres. His home was a log cabin. He died July 8, 1875, when over eighty-six years old, and his wife, Magdalena (Wagner), born March 18, 1797, died April 27, 1871, when seventy-four years old. They had children as follows: Betzy, born in 1817, died in 1848, unmarried; John died unmarried; Polly married Daniel Kiehl; Magdalena married Daniel Kiehl; Mary Ann died unmarried; Isaac married Harriet DeTurek and (second) Susan Schoffstall; Catharine died unmarried; Frederick W. is mentioned below; Adam W. married Wilhelmina Fegley. All this family lived in the region about Mahanoy Church.

FREDERICK W. LATSHA was born Jan. 7, 1837, on the Latsha homestead, and received such lim-





ited advantages as the subscription schools of his boyhood days afforded. He was reared to farming, which he followed all his life, beginning on his own account after his marriage, and in 1877 he came to the place in Washington township where he resided at the time of his death, owning a highly cultivated tract of sixty-seven acres. His death occurred May 18, 1910. Mr. Latsha, with his family, was a most active member of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served officially as deacon, elder and trustee, and he and his family donated a memorial window to that church. The Latshas have erected handsome monuments on their family burial plot. Mr. Latsha was a Democrat in political connection. He was a highly esteemed member of the community, where his widow is no less respected as a woman of sterling qualities. In 1862 Mr. Latsha married Mary Reitz, daughter of Simon and Catharine (Reed) Reitz, and they had a family of six sons: Levi R., a farmer of Washington township; Edward R., a blacksmith, of Uniontown (he has a daughter, Mabel Ellen); John Charles, who operates a threshing machine; Henry Reuben, a farmer, who assisted his father until the latter's recent death; George H., a merchant; and Daniel Lewis, a blacksmith, at Mahanoy.

LEVI R. LATSHA, son of the late Frederick W. Latsha, was born July 10, 1862, and has always followed farming. He owns a valuable tract of ninety-two acres in Washington township, an old Hoffman farm, and has proved himself intelligent and thrifty in his cultivation and management of the place. He married Mary Ann Ferster, who was born March 25, 1866, and died May 29, 1905, the mother of two children: Willard Wesley, born Sept. 17, 1901; and Mary Edna Dianna, who died aged ten months, eleven days.

GEORGE H. LATSHA, senior member of the firm of George H. Latsha & Brother, was born in Washington township Jan. 22, 1881, son of the late Frederick W. Latsha. He was educated in the local public schools, which he continued to attend until he was sixteen years old, and was trained to farm work from boyhood, being only fourteen when he commenced to run a huckster wagon. For fourteen years he continued thus and also took his produce to market, gaining considerable valuable experience. On Dec. 5, 1908, he and his brother Daniel L. Latsha formed a partnership under the firm name of George H. Latsha & Brother, renting the old established store and hotel stand at Rebuck which they now conduct, one of the oldest places in the district. The brothers have been very successful. George H. Latsha, the active member of the firm, has proved his business ability in the management of the store and hotel, and has made an assured place for himself among the substantial young men of the township. He is a Democrat, and his fellow citizens have shown

their confidence in him by electing him treasurer of Washington township, which office he is filling at present. His religious connection is with the Reformed congregation of the Himmel Church.

In 1900 Mr. Latsha married Bruella Sachoff-stail, who died Jan. 1, 1907, aged twenty-three years, ten months, sixteen days, and they had three children, Irene, David and Fred. On May 30, 1909, he married (second) Fietta Schreffler, daughter of Nathan Schreffler.

DANIEL LEWIS LATSHA, youngest son of Frederick W. Latsha, was born July 12, 1883, in Washington township, where he was reared and educated. When eighteen years old he learned his trade from his brother Edward, a blacksmith, and in 1904 engaged in business for himself at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, where he has ever since been located. He has built up a large trade in general blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, employing a wheelwright for that branch of the work. He has a half interest with his brother George H. Latsha in the firm of George H. Latsha & Brothers, owners of the store and hotel stand at Rebuck, in Washington township, conducted by George H. Latsha, and though they have not been proprietors long the business is thriving satisfactorily. On Nov. 2, 1907, Mr. Latsha married Amelia A. Tressler, daughter of Adam Tressler, of Jackson township, and they occupy their own home at Mahanoy. Mr. Latsha is a Reformed member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, his wife belonging to the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically he is a Democrat, but though interested in the welfare of the party has not been particularly active.

John Henry Latsha, second son of John and Catharina (Daniel) Latsha, was born May 15, 1785, and died June 30, 1859. He was a carpenter, and followed that trade as well as farming, living at the place in Mahanoy township occupied by the late Frederick W. Latsha, in which section he was well and favorably known. His wife, Mary Ann (Eirich), born Dec. 16, 1821, died Sept. 9, 1888, aged eighty-six years, eight months, twenty-three days. They had children as follows: Adam, Henry, Abraham, Eva, Mary Ann and Kate (wife of Henry Wear), all residents of the borough of Shamokin.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Eirich) Latsha's grandfather fought under Washington in the Revolution, and with several other soldiers was killed while crossing the Delaware river. He married Mary A. Wilson, who after his death became the wife of Abraham Musser. Jacob Eirich, son of this Revolutionary soldier, lived in York county, Pa., for a time, thence moving to Philadelphia, later to Schuylkill county, and eventually to Northumberland county, settling near Shamokin. By trade he was a weaver, later finding employment in the





mines. He served in the war of 1812. Jacob Eirich died in an old log house near Shamokin in 1861, when ninety-two years old. He married Elizabeth Haag, whose father was drowned at Columbia, Pa., while crossing the Susquehanna river. Their children were: John; Mary Ann, Mrs. Latsha; Margaret, Mrs. Enoch Cole; Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Latsha; Susan, Mrs. Martin; Jacob, who served in Company K (Captain Strauss), 48th Regiment, during the Civil war; Henry, who served in the same company and regiment and was killed in the mines in 1863 shortly after his return from the service; and Hester, who married Ignatius Ditman, a coal operator.

ADAM LATSHA, son of John Henry Latsha, was born in December, 1844, in Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and makes his home with his brother Abraham at Shamokin. He has been engaged about the mines for many years. For fifteen years he followed mining, and since 1882 has been a carpenter in the employ of the Shipman Coal Company. He is a highly respected citizen, and one of the well known residents of the borough. Mr. Latsha was made a Mason in 1882 in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., in which he still holds membership.

ABRAHAM LATSHA, son of John Henry Latsha, was born in Washington township May 27, 1854, and has long made his home at Shamokin. When a youth he commenced picking slate at the breakers, and later followed mining for many years. In 1905 he engaged in business for himself, making candies, in which line he has built up a remarkably good trade, his goods, all homemade and pure, finding popular sale in the borough. His store is at No. 943 West Arch street. Mr. Latsha has proved himself an admirable manager and a man of good executive ability, and the extensive trade he now enjoys has come as the result of honorable methods, honest dealing and a sincere effort to please his patrons, who are numerous. He is deeply interested in the family history and the early history of Mahanoy and surrounding townships, upon which he has informed himself thoroughly.

WILLIAM M. LATSHA, a farmer of Washington township, was born April 30, 1878, son of Adam W. and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha and grandson of Johan Friederich and Magdalena (Wagner) Latsha. He was educated in the township schools and brought up to farming, working for his parents until 1905, in which year he purchased the old homestead, which had been in the Latsha name for three generations previously, having been owned by his great-grandfather, Johannes, by his grandfather and by his father. His great-grandfather originally took up over three hundred acres, but the 133-acre tract owned by William M. Latsha was the homestead place. Part of the balance

is now owned by Isaac Latshaw, and part of what is now the John Schretfler farm was also included in the ancestor's possessions. The late Frederick Latsha owned several fields which were also included in the land taken up by Johannes. Johan Friederich Latsha, grandfather of William M., built the house, barn and cider house now standing on the latter's farm; the weaver's shop, where all kinds of weaving could be done, and which has four rooms, was built by the pioneer Latsha. William M. Latsha owns his grandfather's clock. He is a modern farmer, progressive, using the most approved implements and methods, attends the Shamokin markets weekly, and is a substantial citizen. Like his forefathers he is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Reformed Church.

On Aug. 16, 1903, Mr. Latsha married Laura M. Kehres, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Drumheller) Kehres, and they have had three children: Goldie M.; Guy L., who died in infancy; and Raymond A.

JOHN F. LATSHA, farmer of Washington township, was born June 24, 1875, on the homestead farm in that township, attended the local schools and passed his boyhood in the usual manner of farmers' sons, remaining at home until he attained the age of twenty-four. Since the spring of 1901 he has been farming at his present place, owning what was formerly the Michael Smith farm, of ninety-five acres, advantageously located on the road between Mahanoy and Rebeck. The barn was built in 1883, the buildings are all substantial, and the land is in good condition. Mr. Latsha is local agent for a fertilizer company. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as inspector of his district.

In 1900 Mr. Latsha married Agnes Smith, daughter of Samuel and Seville (Hetrich) Smith, and they have had five children: Beulah (deceased in infancy), Samuel, Frederick, Gertie, and Anna (who died in infancy). Mr. Latsha and his family are members of the Reformed Church, which he served four years as deacon.

MOSES H. TROUTMAN, general merchant of Shamokin, was born July 1, 1869, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and has been a resident of Shamokin since he left the farm upon attaining his majority. He has a well established business at No. 22 South Second street, where he has been located since 1901.

Jacob Troutman, his great-grandfather, was born in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county, and we give some general early history of the Troutmans of that section. The Troutman family of western Berks county had settled prior to the organization of the county, in 1752, in Tulpehocken township, where Hieronimus Troutman on Oct. 13, 1752, obtained two warrants, each for twenty-five



acres of land located in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Lebanon county. On March 23, 1802, he and Abraham Troutman (a relative) jointly obtained a warrant for 152.80 acres of land in Northumberland county. The records show that at this time he was a taxable in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, the Pennsylvania Archives recording the following in 1768: "Peter Troutman, eighty acres of land in Tulpehocken; Philip Troutman, 100 acres; Valentine Troutman, six acres; and Michael Troutman, 217½ acres." Previously, in 1759, one John Troutman paid eleven pounds tax in Tulpehocken township. In 1779 the tax lists show: "Valentine, singleman; John, singleman and tailor, and Peter, weaver." In 1779 Michael Troutman owned 275 acres of land, six horses, six cattle, and paid seven pounds, thirteen shillings tax, showing that he was a large property owner. It is traditional, and records confirm it, that Hieronimus Troutman had these sons: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1746, died Nov. 1, 1804; Valentine, born June 17, 1752, died April 19, 1823; Johannes, born Feb. 4, 1755, died Feb. 2, 1823; Johann Philip, born Aug. 9, 1758, died Feb. 23, 1830.

Michael Troutman, the eldest of this family, made his will Aug. 3, 1804, and died about three months later. In the will he mentions his wife Susanna, who was to receive the property in Tulpehocken township on which they lived, besides other items. Ample provision was made for her. They had no issue. After leaving a bequest to Host Church of twenty pounds, to care for his grave, Michael Troutman divided the rest of his estate among his brothers, whom he mentioned thus: Valentine, John who had a son Michael, and Philip.

Valentine Troutman served during the Revolution in September, 1776, in Capt. Michael Furrer's company, and was sent to Long Island. He married, and among his children was a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, who was born in 1785 and died unmarried in 1804.

Philip Troutman married Magdalena, a born Troutman, possibly a descendant of Abraham, who was a relative of Hieronimus. She was born Feb. 16, 1753, and died Dec. 29, 1834, aged eighty-one.

All of the above Troutmans are buried at Host church, in the old graveyard adjoining it on the southwest. Many of the gravestones are brown sandstones, and the inscriptions on them were deciphered with some difficulty by William J. Dietrich, of Reading, and Squire Frank W. Troutman, of Stouchsburg, Berks county. Immediately back of the church is an old sandstone on which appears the following inscription:

"Eva Elizabeth Troutman Sei ist gaboren den 6 Januar, im Jahr 1716, und starb am 1 Januar in Jahr 1794. Bracht ihr Alter zu 78 Jahr, 4 Monat, und 3 Tag." This possibly was the wife of the an-

cestor Hieronimus Troutman, and the mother of the sons before mentioned.

Johannes Troutman, son of the ancestor, was born in 1755 and died in 1823. He was married (first) May 13, 1787, to Maria Elizabeth Hoffman, and (second) to Sybilla Himmelberger, who was born Jan. 7, 1774, and died Nov. 29, 1858. Among his children were: Michael, born Aug. 2, 1788, died July 19, 1840; John Jacob, born May 18, 1791, died March 6, 1862; Elizabeth, born in 1796, died in 1866.

Jacob Troutman, who was born in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county, had children, Moses, John, Peter and Cornelius. (From the St. David's Church records and Bohner's Union cemetery, in Lower Mahanoy, we find that a Jacob Troutman, born Jan. 13, 1792, died Aug. 15, 1854; his wife Magdalene, born May 21, 1794, died Sept. 28, 1877. This is on a large marble monument in Bohner's cemetery, and from the same source we find that Cornelius, son of Jacob and Magdalena, born March 12, 1828, died June 4, 1887; his wife Esther, born Sept. 14, 1830, died Feb. 21, 1877. These records may pertain to Jacob and his children. The ones we have just given seem to be without doubt their records of birth and death. The following may pertain to the sons John and Peter. John, born June 11, 1817, died March 22, 1901; wife Sarah, born Oct. 19, 1817, died April 4, 1841. Peter, born Jan. 12, 1831, died Dec. 31, 1891.)

Moses Troutman, son of Jacob, followed farming in the Mahanoy Valley, living in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and he and his wife Elizabeth (Bohner) are buried at the Union church near Pillow. Their children were: Solomon; Gilbert, living at Millersburg; and Jacob, also a resident of Millersburg.

Solomon Troutman, son of Moses, was born Dec. 25, 1846, and died in 1891 in Schuylkill county, being buried at Leib, that county. While a resident of Jordan township he followed farming and was a well known and respected citizen of his community, moving thence to Schuylkill county, where he continued to farm the rest of his days. He married Sarah Lesher, who died in 1893, and both were members of the Evangelical Church. They were the parents of the following children: Ellen, wife of William Masser; Moses H.; Jane, who married Louis Herring and (second) John Peard; William; Amanda, wife of Cyrus Knerr; Jacob; Emma, who died aged twenty-two years; Clayton, of Shamokin; Agnes, wife of John Beyler; and Harry, who lives at Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania.

Moses H. Troutman attended the schools in the neighborhood of his early home and worked upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one, since which time he has made his home in Shamokin. His first position in the borough was with





Burd & Rogers, for whom he clerked eleven years, remaining with this well known firm until he commenced business on his own account, in 1901. He has a fine store at No. 22 South Second street, stocked with a good line of general merchandise, and has done a steadily growing business, ranking with the prosperous men in his line in the borough. He is a member of the Business Men's Association, and in that connection and other ways has shown his public spirit and loyalty to the general interest and welfare. Outside of business his particular interest is in the Evangelical Church, of which he is an earnest member; he is at present serving as member of the board of trustees, and he was long active in the Sunday school, being a teacher for twelve years. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias.

On Dec. 11, 1892, Mr. Troutman married Nora Wasser, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wagner) Wasser, of Mahantango Valley, and they have eight children, namely: Catharine, Roy, Russel, Merrile, Beulah, Leonard, Elizabeth and Leon Edward. The older children are assisting their father in the store.

**MALICK.** The Malick family, which was one of the earliest families in Northumberland county, having been settled in this region since before or about the period of the Revolution, is of German extraction. The early spelling of the name was Melick, or Mehlig, but it is now found in various forms, Malick, Malich, Mellick, etc. One Jacob Malick, with whose descendants we are concerned in this article, and five brothers came to this country from Germany, four of the brothers, among whom was Jacob, settling along the Susquehanna river in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the region of Sunbury. They were among the pioneers in that section, where their descendants are now very numerous, several branches of the family being well represented. There is record of three brothers, Peter, Henry and another who died soon after his marriage, leaving a widow and one daughter. This does not quite agree, however, with the Federal Census Report of 1790, which records Peter, Henry and a Widow Melich as heads of families in Northumberland county. Peter Melich had one son and six daughters; Henry had one daughter; the widow had two daughters. Among the taxables of Augusta township, in 1788, were David and John Melick.

According to one account, the Malicks came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey, settling in the woods in what was then Northumberland (now Columbia) county, at the present location of Light-street. At any rate, the pioneer Peter Malick lived there until the time of the Wyoming massacre. The family were panic-stricken at the re-

port that the Indians were approaching on the war-path, and the men hastily got the horses together, the women collecting clothing, etc., which they tied to a young mare. The animal took fright at its unusual burden, ran away and was shot by the Indians. Eventually, men, women and children had to make their way on foot to Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, which had been built in 1756, and there the family remained until the immediate danger was over. It appears that Jacob Malick, son of Peter Malick, Jr., obtained his land in that region through the family's escape to the fort for safety. Peter Melick, Sr., made a will, but we have not found it on record at Sunbury. Peter Melick, Jr., of Wyoming township, made his will March 6, 1789; it was probated June 5, 1789. He bequeaths to his wife Mary "Mellick," and to children: son John (double daughter Christiana shall have); son Peter (double of daughter Charity); son Mickel (double of daughter Margaret); son Henry; son David; and daughters Cristana, Charity, Margaret and Elizabeth. Some children died young.

One David Malick, born Oct. 4, 1759, died in 1834. His old family Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. William F. Keefer, of Sunbury, a distant relative of the Malicks.

The Jacob Malick above mentioned as one of the pioneers in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, passed the remainder of his life and died there. His son Peter, born in that township, was a well known man of his day and a large land owner, having about five hundred acres. He died in 1871, at the age of seventy-five years, and is buried at a church in Lower Augusta township. His wife, whose maiden name was Reeser, was a native of Northumberland county. They had children as follows: William; John R.; David; Peter; Jeremiah, who died in 1872, at the age of thirty-six years; Samuel; Daniel; Esther, born Aug. 28, 1828, who died in 1909 (she was the wife of Adam Renn and lived in Sunbury); Harriet, who married Alexander Zortman; Mary A., who married Jere. Renn, brother of Adam, and settled in Iowa.

William Malick, son of Peter, was born in the old home in Lower Augusta township. He became an early contractor and builder in his district, beginning that business when he had to do all the work, from the hewing of the timber in the woods to the very completion of the houses and barns he constructed. Many buildings in the neighborhood and in adjoining localities were of his construction. He died in 1888, and is buried at the Stone Church in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Hannah (Heilman), daughter of Daniel Heilman, bore him children as follows: Dr. Hiram died in 1889; Harriet married a Keifer and has children, Peter, Frank, Harry and Jennie; Maria is the widow of Jacob Wolf (they had a son Clement);





Simon P. is mentioned below; William married a Waid (they have Arthur and Melvin).

SIMON P. MALICK, a well known general contractor and builder, was born Aug. 1, 1848, in Lower Augusta township, son of William Malick. He received his education in the district schools, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction, remaining with him until he reached the age of eighteen years. After that he found employment in surrounding towns until he came to Sunbury in 1871, engaging in business for himself. From 1873 to 1878 he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a carpenter, and he then returned to contracting and building on his own account. Many of the buildings in Sunbury have been erected by him, and he has a mill on Tenth street where he gives employment to from forty to fifty mechanics. He is one of the most prominent citizens of Sunbury, not only as a business man but also in the conduct of public affairs, for he has served as councilman and served as chief Burgess of East Sunbury borough. He was one of the organizers and is vice president of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was also one of the organizers of the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of which he is still serving as a director. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church, which he served many years as deacon and elder.

Mr. Malick married Julia Bloom, daughter of Jacob and Julia (Bartholow) Bloom, and they have had three children: Bessie married Robert Messimer and has three children, Hazel, Julia and Robert W.; Elmer V. is mentioned below; Emma, who lives with her parents, is a graduate of the Williamsport Academy, class of 1906. The family occupy a handsome residence on Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

ELMER V. MALICK has passed practically all his life in Sunbury, where he was born April 12, 1871. He received his education there, being a member of the first class which graduated from the high school in East Sunbury, in 1889. That spring he received a license to teach public school from Prof. William Bloom, and he had his first experience in Ralpho township, this county, at the Pocahontas school. After assisting his father for some time in his planing mill and building operations, he took the civil service examination for letter carrier in Sunbury, in a class of forty-two, and was the second carrier appointed in the borough. He served in that capacity for seven years, until, in 1908, he began his present general mercantile business at No. 256 Catawissa avenue. He opened his store Feb. 17th. Mr. Malick carries a large stock and has had a profitable trade from the start. He is a man of excellent business abil-

ity and upright methods, and has succeeded in holding his patronage by honorable dealing. He owns his own home, a large and comfortable residence at No. 303 Catawissa avenue. Socially Mr. Malick belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

On June 19, 1900, Mr. Malick married Clara M. Messimer, daughter of J. T. Messimer, of Sunbury. They have no children.

Jacob Messimer, grandfather of Mrs. Malick, was a native of Center township, Perry Co., Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and died when his son John T. was two years old; he is buried in an old graveyard at Bloomfield. He married Margaret Marshall, who died in 1883, at the age of seventy-seven years. They had a family of five children, all deceased; Robert, Wilson, James, Maggie and John T.

John T. Messimer, son of Jacob, was born in November, 1846, and died in 1902. He was a shoemaker by trade, but for the last thirty years of his life was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as gang boss. While in Perry county he served as tax collector, and he removed thence to Sunbury in 1881, passing the remainder of his life in the borough. His wife, Emma Wetzel, daughter of George Wetzel, of Perry county, died in 1905, at the age of fifty-seven years. They had children as follows: Robert, William, Mary (Mrs. Samuel Willits), Clara M. (Mrs. Elmer V. Malick), Rebecca (unmarried), Seymour, Wilson and Charles.

Henry Malick, the grandfather of Emanuel Malick, of Shamokin, came from Germany and settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, on a farm about two and a half miles from the Susquehanna river. He had a large tract of land, which later was divided into two farms. When the Miles Run United Brethren Church was organized, at the schoolhouse of that name, in the winter of 1835, it was through the efforts of Henry and his brother, Peter Malick. Henry Malick is buried at Malick Church, in Lower Augusta township. His children were: John W., David, Henry, Harriet (married Peter Zimmerman), Hettie (married Peter Sheaffer), Lucy (married Joseph Arnold) and Elizabeth (married John Henninger).

John W. Malick, son of Henry, was born in 1812, and died in 1860. He was a lifelong farmer, owning part of the original homestead, and also owned and conducted a sawmill. He sold this farm before his death and removed to Limestone Valley, about half a mile from the old home place, where he died. He married Susan Heim, daughter of Jonathan Heim, and they had children as follows: Samuel, deceased; Emanuel; Hiram, living at Williamstown, Dauphin county; Isaiah, liv-



ing in Shamokin, Pa.; John L., also of Shamokin; William, deceased; and Emma J., wife of John Linderman, of Shamokin.

EMANUEL MALICK, son of John W., was born May 7, 1849, and obtained his education in the schools of his native township. His early life was spent in farm work at home, and in 1864 he came to Shamokin, where he began work in the mines, following this line for about nineteen years. He then engaged in the general store business in partnership with W. H. Malick and Flora Shuman, after six years buying out the interest of his partners and taking over the business entirely on his own account. He continued it until 1900, when he engaged in the restaurant business, which he has since followed, and in connection with which he is a cigar jobber and confectioner. He has two places of business, one on Spruce street and another at Shamokin and Commerce streets, in Shamokin, and he is making a success of both establishments. Mr. Malick married Hannah Diliplain, daughter of Ezekiel Diliplain, and five children have been born to them: Katie is married to C. C. Malick and has a son Robert; Andrew died in 1909, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving two children, Leon and Chester; William died when twenty-two years old; Frederick, a graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., is now vice principal of the Dover (Del.) Academy; Flora O. is unmarried and resides at home. The family reside at No. 508 Market street.

Mr. Malick is a member of the Methodist Church, and in fraternal connection he holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment and also in the P. O. S. of A. He is a Republican in politics, and for a number of years took an active part in local affairs, having served many years as assessor of Coal township, six years as school director, and for six years as member of the poor board of Coal township, giving excellent satisfaction in every capacity.

GEORGE W. MALICK, a successful young business man of Herndon, is descended through the line of Henry, one of the emigrant brothers named as progenitors of this family.

John Malick, great-grandfather of George W., lived in the Mahantango Valley, and is buried in that section. His son Henry, who was a miller in Mahantango Valley, is buried at St. Peter's Church, in Jackson township, Northumberland county. Among his sons were John and George Henry, besides others who died young and are buried at Himmel's Church, near Rebuck.

George Henry Malick, father of George W., was a miller in his early life, later becoming a drover and butcher. While engaged in that line he lived at Lake Hill, but he afterward became engaged in farming at Herndon, owning 175 acres. He died

Aug. 31, 1908, at the age of sixty-nine years, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shamokin. His death, which occurred at the Miners' hospital, was caused by gangrene of the foot, brought on by cutting a troublesome corn. Mr. Malick was a well known man of his day, having held several township offices, and was originally a Democrat, later a Republican, in politics. He married Caroline Heppler, daughter of Joseph Heppler, of Hepler, Pa. They had a family of six children: Jane married George L. Snyder; Lizzie married Lewis Heim; Kate (deceased) married John Lyon and (second) Daniel Schleif; Carrie married E. C. Fouil; Francis died at the age of seven years, of diphtheria, at Girardville; George W. is mentioned below.

George W. Malick was born May 19, 1880, at Herndon, and was seven years old when his parents moved thence to Shamokin, where he received the greater part of his education. When old enough he took up dentistry with U. S. G. Moore, of Shamokin, but after two years he gave up the idea of following that profession and entered the employ of I. W. Forry & Son, hosiery manufacturers. He was with them for three years, after which he was employed by Ressler & Co., hosiery manufacturers, until that firm discontinued business. He then opened a mill for Madeira & Wanner, at Lyon Station, Pa., continuing there for one year, when the establishment was moved to Fleetwood. Mr. Lyon embarked in the business on his own account at Lyon in November, 1902, and was there for two years, late in 1904 removing to Herndon, where he has since been located. He has a two-story building 58 by 28 feet in dimensions, where he runs twenty-five machines, giving employment to thirty-five people, and he also operates a mill across the Susquehanna river, at Port Treverton, where twenty machines are operated, giving employment to twenty-five people. Mr. Malick is sole proprietor of both establishments, the one at Port Treverton, however, being under the management of Henry Morrow. A ready market is found for the product, which has an excellent reputation among dealers.

In 1899 Mr. Malick married Priscilla Rhoades, daughter of Henry and Lila (Levan) Rhoades, of Shamokin, and they have had two children, Irwin George Henry and Lila Priscilla. Mr. Malick and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., at Selin's Grove, Pa., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the lodge at Herndon. He is a Republican in politics, and is serving at present as member of the Herndon school board.

John Malick, brother of George Henry and uncle of George W., was the historian of the family. He was educated for the medical profession, but never





engaged in practice. In early life he was interested in the milling business, but discontinued it and took up farming at Lake Hill, where he made his home. He sold musical instruments and dealt in various other commodities. He was married twice, and was the father of one child. Mr. Malick died in 1897 and is buried at Lake Hill. The day of his death he walked twelve miles. He had foretold the event, and called neighbors to his assistance, giving them instructions about his funeral and burial.

**JOSEPH P. KNAPP**, outside superintendent of mines for the Mount Carmel and Shamokin collieries, with residence at No. 34 North Shamokin street, Shamokin, is one of the best known men in the Pennsylvania coal fields, as well as one of the most widely experienced. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, May 11, 1846, son of Gregory Knapp.

Gregory Knapp, the father, came from Germany to America in 1849 and located at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he remained two years, and in 1851 he moved to Trevorton, following his trade of carpenter. He died at Trevorton in October, 1873, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Mary B. Peters, bore him fourteen children, of whom five grew to maturity, namely: Joseph P., John T., Mary, Gregory and Frank.

Joseph P. Knapp accompanied his father to America in 1849, and as a boy worked as a slate picker at the old Trevorton colliery. In 1861 his parents removed to Ashland, and there he continued the same work for two years, after which he took up steam engineering. While there the Civil war broke out, and his loyalty to his adopted country showed in his enlistment March 18, 1864, in Company A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years. This company was recruited in Schuylkill county, and was sent to the South, in the Army of the Cumberland, playing a brave part in the battle at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865. After serving eighteen months he was honorably discharged, the war closing. Mr. Knapp returned to his home in Trevorton, and for two years was employed as an engineer at the powder mill. From October, 1865, to April 2, 1866, he was engaged at powdermaking, but on the latter date the mill was blown up and he was badly injured and was under the physician's care for several months. This mill, owned by Kline & Heim, was at Fisher's Mill, below Shamokin. After recovering his strength Mr. Knapp worked at mining for some nine months, and then again took up powdermaking, following it for two and a half years. He then spent six months in Sunbury in the employ of Ira T. Clement, at the end of that time returning to Trevorton to engage in mining at the bottom of the No. 1 slope. For some time he fired the boilers, and then became engineer. In August,

1874, he left Trevorton and went to Locust Dale to run the bull pumps at the Keystone colliery, a position he held for three and a half years. In 1878 he was appointed outside foreman of the North Ashland colliery, and served in that position for four and a half years, after which he engaged in the bottling business at Ashland for a very short time. When he sold out his bottling business it was to become boss at the Knickerbocker colliery, near Shenandoah, Pa., of which he took charge in February, 1882, and continued in that position until Dec. 1, 1903, when he was made outside superintendent of the Mount Carmel and Shamokin collieries, consisting of seven breakers.

On Nov. 24, 1874, Mr. Knapp was married to Susan Veith, daughter of former mine superintendent John Veith, a native of Bavaria. Seven of the thirteen children born of this union are living, namely: Charles L., Minnie M., Catherine B., J. Frederick, Leo W., Alphonso J. and Gregory A. Mr. Knapp is a member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, and has reared his family in the faith of the Church of Rome. His only fraternal connection is with Lincoln Post, No. 140, Grand Army of the Republic.

**OTTO.** The Otto family has had many creditable representatives in Northumberland county since its establishment here early in the nineteenth century by Conrad Otto, the great-grandfather of Abraham L. Otto and Edward J. Otto, brothers, the former now postmaster at Herndon, the latter station agent and merchant at Otto, named after this family. John B. Otto, who is now living retired at Trevorton, Northumberland county, after a busy and successful life, is a grandson of Conrad Otto.

Conrad Otto, born about 1766, came to Northumberland county from Berks county and was an early settler in what is now Jackson township. He was one of the early schoolmasters in that locality, and also worked as a laborer. It is said that during the earlier part of his residence in this county he lived at Trevorton, but he passed the greater part of his long life in the vicinity of Mahanoy and died in Jackson township at an advanced age. His wife, Barbara (Seiler), born March 24, 1769, died Jan. 20, 1857. They are buried at Mahanoy church (St. Peter's). Their children were: John; Adam; Elizabeth, who died in Jackson township; and Bervy, who became Mrs. Peifer and had one daughter, Betzy, who married a man named Michael (Bevvy and her daughter died in Illinois).

The Federal Census report of 1790 records Henry and George Otto as residents of Northumberland county and heads of families, Henry having four sons under sixteen, and George having one daughter.

Johan C. Otto, born Jan. 22, 1770, died Nov. 5, 1854, and buried at St. Peter's church at Maha-





noy, was undoubtedly a brother of Conrad Otto, mentioned above.

John Otto, son of Conrad, was the grandfather of Abraham L. and Edward J. Otto. He was born May 7, 1804, in Berks county, and came to this county with his father at an early age. He was a cobbler by trade, but later farmed in Jackson township, where he owned a tract of land, and he was engaged as a workman on the construction of the Schuylkill canal. He lived retired at Herndon for nearly twenty years before his death, which occurred there Aug. 3, 1886. John Otto was twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Groh, who was born Oct. 28, 1810, and died Dec. 20, 1845. They had children as follows: Washington is mentioned below; Caroline, who is now over seventy years old, married Gabriel Adams and lives at Mandata, Pa.; Harriet, now living at Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, married Josiah Schaffer; Abbie (deceased) married H. S. Byerly; William C. is deceased. Mr. Otto's second marriage was to Lydia Leader, who was born Nov. 23, 1807, and died March 12, 1889. They had: Rebecca married Isaiah Snyder, of Millersburg, Pa.; Samuel died at Verdon, Nebr., April 18, 1907.

Washington Otto, son of John, was born May 4, 1833, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and died June 24, 1897, at Mahanoy; he is buried there, at St. Peter's church. He was engaged as a plasterer and stonemason in his earlier manhood, later following farming, having a valuable tract of 140 acres. He also established the coal, bark and lumber business at Otto station (named in his honor), on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, building up an extensive and profitable trade, to which his son Edward J. has since succeeded. He was serving as trustee of St. Peter's Church at the time of his death.

On Aug. 2, 1860, Mr. Otto married Harriet Bower, and to them were born twelve children, of whom we have the following record: (1) William H. H., born Oct. 31, 1863, died March 31, 1902. He settled at Shamokin, this county, where he became a prominent merchant in the wholesale grocery and confectionery line. (2) Abraham L. is mentioned below. (3) Agnes is unmarried. (4) George L., who died Jan. 1, 1908, aged forty years, was long an invalid. (5) Mary married E. S. Hibush, a farmer, and they live near Otto station. (6) Lydia married D. P. Russell, of Otto, who is engineer at the pumping station there. (7) John C., born in 1874, died Nov. 3, 1899, and was buried on his twenty-fifth birthday. (8) Edward J. is mentioned below. (9) Cora married George S. Wilson, who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and they live at Barto, Pennsylvania.

ABRAHAM L. OTTO, son of Washington, was born April 22, 1865, in Jackson township, Northumber-

land county. He received his early education in the public schools, later attending Union Seminary, at New Berlin, Pa., and in 1887 began teaching, being thus engaged for three terms in Jackson township. He was reared to farming, but has not followed that occupation since he began life on his own account. In 1891 he settled at Herndon, in Jackson township, where he engaged in the lumber and sawmill business, following that line for eleven years. He did a good business, giving employment to twelve men, and he is still interested in same, having been a director of the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Company since 1905, and being also a stockholder in the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company. He is interested in the Auburn Shale Brick Company of Schuylkill county, and in these various relations keeps well in touch with commercial affairs. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Herndon by President McKinley, and has filled that office continuously since. It is an office of the fourth class. He is one of the best known men in his section, a substantial citizen in a business way and respected by all who have had dealings with him, in any of the relations of life.

In 1891 Mr. Otto married Mary Brower, daughter of John Brower, Sr., of Herndon, and a member of an old family formerly of Chester county, this State, whence Nathan Brower came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township; he was a miller and farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Otto have no children. They are members of the Reformed Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

EDWARD J. OTTO was born Feb. 11, 1877, and was educated in the public schools. His father trained him to business life, it being his wish that his sons Edward and John should succeed him in his mercantile enterprises. John died at the age of twenty-five, as previously recorded, and the management of the business fell upon the shoulders of the younger brother, Edward, who continues to carry on the various lines established by his father, comprising the trade in coal, bark and railroad ties. The various other branches of his business he has added himself as opportunity offered or demand warranted, and he now has an excellent patronage in the original lines and also in grain and allied commodities. He handles from 150 to 200 carloads annually of the various products he carries, his place being the business center for a wide territory. His lumber is shipped largely into the coal regions, for use at the mines. In addition to other things he handles farm implements. He keeps three men employed regularly to assist him in looking after the numerous details of his various interests. He has been station agent at Otto for some time, having succeeded his



brother Abraham L. (who was the first agent at the station) in that position. Mr. Otto owns his father's old homestead farm of 140 acres, located at Otto (in Jackson township), and he cultivates this land. In the spring of 1904, because of failing health, he gave up the farm work, selling his large farm stock, but having regained his health he resumed the management and operation of the place in the spring of 1909. He erected his beautiful residence at Otto in 1903. There are few citizens of the locality busier than he, but he has nevertheless found time to serve his fellow citizens in local office, having been tax collector from 1906 to 1909, and in the spring of the latter year he was elected roadmaster of Jackson township.

On April 16, 1903, Mr. Otto married Sallie Shipman, daughter of Selesia and Lydia (Dunkelberger) Shipman, farming people of Lower Augusta township, this county, and they have had one son, named John William in memory of his two deceased uncles. Mr. Otto and his family are members of St. Peter's Reformed Church at Mahanoy, and socially he unites with Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, of Selinsgrove, Pa. He is a Republican in political matters.

Adam Otto, son of Conrad, was born March 1, 1808, in Jackson township, and followed farming throughout his active years. Moving out to Wayne county, Ohio, he engaged in agricultural pursuits there for about twenty years, prospering in all he undertook. Returning to his native township, he was killed by a train at Herndon, Feb. 27, 1861. His wife, Susan (Burkert), also met a tragic death, being fatally burned in Cameron township, this county, when her son John was but three months old. They were the parents of three children: George, who went West when a young man and served three years in the army west of the Mississippi, in the heavy artillery; Sarah, who married Josiah Henry, of Sunbury, Pa.; and John B.

JOHN B. OTTO was born Aug. 26, 1837, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, and was reared by his uncle, Jonathan Dunkelberger, who lived in that township, remaining with him until he reached the age of twenty years. He attended school in that neighborhood, and learned the brick business. On Sept. 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, 47th Regiment, P. V. I., and during his long service, which covered over four years, took part in the following battles of the Civil war: Fort Finnegan, St. John's Bluffs, Pocotaligo, S. C., Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill, Can Run, Mansura, La., Berryville, Va., Opequan Creek, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Va. He received an honorable discharge Jan. 11, 1866, having made a creditable record for faithful service, and he has many interesting reminiscences of the army days.

After the war Mr. Otto returned to his uncle, with whom he remained three years longer, engaged in sawing lumber. He then began lumbering on his own account in Cameron township, where he was engaged until 1896, the year of his removal to Trevorton. Mr. Otto is one of the well known and esteemed citizens of his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at this point for several years before his retirement, and as a business man has always maintained a high reputation for integrity and straightforward dealing. Since becoming a resident of Zerbe township he has served as supervisor and tax collector for a period of five years. He is a Republican in politics, and socially belongs to Post No. 140, G. A. R., at Shamokin. Mr. Otto is very fond of hunting and fishing, in which recreations he indulges as frequently as opportunity offers.

In 1869 Mr. Otto married Charlotte Sweinert, daughter of George Sweinert, of Little Mahanoy township. She died Aug. 23, 1908, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Little Mahanoy. No children were born to this marriage. Mr. Otto makes his home at Coal and Eighth streets, Trevorton.

The Otto family in Berks county is descended from Dr. Bodo Otto, who was the most distinguished physician and surgeon at Reading, Berks county, from 1773 to 1787. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1709, and was thoroughly educated as a physician. He emigrated to this country on account of political dissensions and revolution, landing at the port of Philadelphia Nov. 10, 1755. After practicing his profession at Philadelphia until 1773 he removed to Reading, and the spirit of revolution beginning to assert itself in the community he distinguished himself by his patriotic devotion to the cause of freedom. He was conspicuously engaged as surgeon general during the whole period of the Revolution, from 1776 to 1783. He died at Reading. His last will and testament, made Feb. 22, 1780, was probated July 26, 1787, and is on record in Will Book B, page 207. He made ample provision for his wife Margaret, bequeathing her the pewter, brass and copper utensils. He was thrice married, and had five children, three sons and two daughters, those named in the will being Frederick Christoph, John Augustus, Dr. Bodo (deceased) and Maria Elizabeth Marx (en). Of these, Frederick died in 1827, and his German will is on record at the Berks county courthouse in Will Book 6, page 121. The executors were Daniel Merkel and Samuel Kindt.

Dr. John Augustus Otto, son of Dr. Bodo Otto, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1751, and accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania when they emigrated in 1755. He was thoroughly educated in the schools of Philadelphia and read medicine





under his father. He settled in Reading in 1773 and carried on an active and lucrative practice until his decease in 1834. He was prominently engaged in the Revolution as a surgeon, and filled various public positions with distinction. His last will, made in 1833, was probated Jan. 1, 1835. His wife Catharine (Hitner) (daughter of George Hitner, of Marble Hall, in Philadelphia—now Montgomery—county), whom he married in 1776, was amply provided for in the will, which is on record in Will Book 7, page 244. He speaks of these children: Margaret, who married Benjamin Whitman; Mary, who married Gabriel Hiestler, a prominent local and State official; Elizabeth, who married Hon. Henry M. Richards, of Reading, and had a son Washington; Sarah, who married Jonathan D. Hiester, attorney of Reading; John Bodo, who married Esther Green Witman; and Daniel Hitner, who married Sarah Whitman. A granddaughter, Catharine Elizabeth Otto Wood, was a legatee; it appears her mother, Maria, who married Joseph Wood, was deceased. Of this family, John Bodo Otto died in 1858; his will is on record in Will Book 10, page 489, and his son John A. Otto and others were executors.

SILAS B. PARK, a substantial farmer and land owner of West Chillisquaque township, was born there Oct. 1, 1864, son of James Park. The founder of the family in this county, James Park, came from New Jersey and settled near what is now the borough of Northumberland. His son John settled in Chillisquaque township and purchased a farm. He married Annie Stillson, and they reared children as follows: Sarah, who married William Painter; Elsie; James; Mary, who married James Park, of New York State; J. S.; and Hezekiah, who married a Miss Van Devender.

James Park, son of John, was born in 1825, married Araminta Brees, and died in 1908. Four children were born to this couple: John Minard, Amy (deceased), Ira (deceased) and Silas B.

John Minard Park, son of James, was born Dec. 15, 1855, married Clara Huntingdon Noss, and has the following children: Isabella C., born Feb. 12, 1882, who married Daniel Smith and has one son, John M.; James T., born Oct. 7, 1883; David J., born July 20, 1885; Amy J., born Oct. 21, 1887; Elsie M., born Dec. 10, 1889; William L., born Aug. 6, 1893; Olive M., born Jan. 15, 1895; and Mary R., born Feb. 24, 1900.

Silas B. Park attended the public schools of his native locality and later was a student at Bucknell Academy, from which he was graduated. In 1894 he bought part of the old homestead farm in West Chillisquaque township, in 1904 purchasing another part and in 1909 a third, the latter portion comprising 100 acres. He resides on the adjoining tract of fifty acres, which is good farming land and well cultivated. Mr. Park is thrifty in

the management of his own work and an excellent citizen in his relation to the community, supporting all progressive movements and taking particular interest in the question of free education. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Park married Estella E. Zarr, daughter of Lloyd T. Zarr, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have had two children, Harold E. and Lloyd T.

JOSIAH RHOADS, who has been superintendent at the Greenough colliery, at Locust Gap, for the past ten years, has been a miner all his life, having begun work at the mines in the humblest capacity and worked his way forward to responsible position. He is a native of Shamokin, born Jan. 20, 1864, and is a son of Henry Rhoads. His grandfather lived in Columbia county, Pa., and died there. One of his sons, Jacob, was killed in the Civil war.

Henry Rhoads was born Jan. 30, 1821, in Columbia county, and came to Shamokin among the early residents of the borough. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade throughout his active years in this section, building breakers and later doing house carpentry. He died at Shamokin March 28, 1891, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Rhoads married Annie Adams, member of an old family of Ralpho township, this county, born Nov. 24, 1824, died March 15, 1893. Nine children were born to them: Frank, who lives in Shamokin; Isaiah, deceased; William, deceased; Louisa, deceased; Henry, a resident of Shamokin; Theodore, of Shamokin; Josiah; Daniel, deceased; and Amos, whose home is in Missouri.

Josiah Rhoads attended the public schools for a few years, but he was only a boy of ten when he commenced picking slate at the Buck Ridge colliery, continuing at that work for four years. He then commenced mining at the Henry Clay colliery, where he was employed about five years, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged, about the breakers, for seven years. His next work was as boss at the Union colliery, and after ten years there he came to the Greenough, in May, 1900, as superintendent. This colliery, located at Marion Heights, is one of the best known in the coal region, about 550 men and boys finding employment there. Mr. Rhoads's reputation for faithful and intelligent work is well deserved, and he has the thorough respect of his employers and of the many workers in his charge.

On May 21, 1887, Mr. Rhoads married Mary Luke, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Harris) Luke, of Shamokin, and they have had five children: Adam Stanley, Josiah H., Ruth E., Claude A., and a son that died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Rhoads is independent, voting for the candidate he prefers, regardless of party affiliation. He is a member of the Reformed





Church, and socially holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment and the B. P. O. Elks.

**THOMAS L. BRENNAN**, proprietor of the "Kellagher Hotel" at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, has but recently settled at that place, and until he took charge of the hotel was engaged in mining. He is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born April 14, 1871, at Pottsville, and is of Irish descent, his father, John Brennan, having been born in Ireland.

John Brennan came to the United States when a young man, and settled at Pottsville, Pa. He was a shoemaker, and followed his trade there until his death, which occurred in 1873. He married Catherine Colby, who survived him many years, dying in 1899, and they are buried at Pottsville. They had a large family, namely: Patrick, Annie, Elizabeth, Michael, William, James, Catherine, Mary, Margaret, John and Thomas L.

Thomas L. Brennan attended the public schools of Pottsville and began work at the mines when only a boy, picking slate. Later he became a regular miner, and on coming to Locust Gap, in February, 1908, was employed at tunnel work for a year at the Locust Spring colliery. On Feb. 23, 1909, he took charge of the "Kellagher Hotel," a well known and old established hotel stand in this region, which he has since successfully managed. He has an obliging disposition which wins and holds custom, and bids fair to continue the popularity the hotel has always enjoyed.

On Feb. 23, 1909, Mr. Brennan married Mrs. Margaret (Brown) Kellagher, widow of Michael Kellagher. They have no children.

**MICHAEL KELLAGHER** was born Nov. 21, 1857, at Forestville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Patrick and Jane (Lynch) Kellagher, natives of Counties Fermanagh and Cavan, Ireland, respectively, who came to America in 1840. They settled in Schuylkill county, where the father began work in the mines, following that occupation throughout his active years. In the late sixties he removed to Locust Gap, where he made a permanent home and died. He and his wife had a family of twelve children, two of whom died young, the others being as follows: Michael, Mary (Mrs. John McHugh), William, Jane, Robert, John, Anna, Kate, Susan and Elizabeth.

Michael Kellagher received his education in the public schools. He was only nine when he began work at a coal breaker, and continued work at the mines until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he established himself as proprietor of the "Locust Summit Hotel" at Locust Gap. He was successfully engaged as a hotel-keeper there until his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1902. Mr.

Kellagher was not only a good business man, but one of the best known citizens in public life in his end of Northumberland county, and a man highly respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a Democrat in politics, served as school director of Mount Carmel township, and in 1881 was elected county commissioner, in which office he served two successive terms.

On April 14, 1887, Mr. Kellagher married Margaret Brown, daughter of Simon and Mary (Casey) Brown, of Danville, Pa., and to them were born five children, namely: Jennie, who was a public school teacher before her marriage to Raymond Everett; Florence, who is engaged as a teacher in Mount Carmel township; Margaret; William, and Helen. Mr. Kellagher was a Catholic in religious faith.

**JACOB IRVIN McCOLLUM**, of Shamokin, has for the past few years been interested in the livery business there in partnership with E. H. Martz, under the firm name of Martz & McCollum. For a number of years before he became engaged in that line he was employed at the collieries. Mr. McCollum is a native of Union county, Pa., born June 27, 1862, near Winfield, son of Ephraim S. McCollum and grandson of George McCollum.

The McCollum family is of Scottish origin, its founder in this country coming from Scotland at an early date. Peter McCollum, the great-grandfather of Jacob I. McCollum, lived at New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., at which place his son George McCollum was born. In his early life he followed agricultural pursuits, later learning the trade of millwright in his native county. He followed it at different times, but not exclusively. Moving to Northumberland county with his wife and eldest son, he located in Point township, where he was employed at farm work by Squire Gale. He then went to Union county, where he lived for many years, and was there employed at his trade by Squire Shannon, repairing mills. His closing years were spent in retirement at the home of his son Ephraim S., in Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he died. He is buried there. His wife, Julia (Irvin), a native of Lancaster county, died in Union county. They had children as follows: Uriah died in Union county; Samuel died in Union county; Mary married Jacob Meiner and died at Danville, Pa.; William died at Danville, Pa.; Jane married Edward Clark; Ephraim S. is mentioned below; Julia married Charles Mills; George died in Union county; Alexander is living in the borough of Shamokin.

Ephraim S. McCollum, son of George, was born Nov. 17, 1838, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., and attended the local schools until he reached the age of twelve years. For the next five years he was employed at the iron ore mines, after which



he was engaged at the ironworks at Union Furnace, Union county, for some time. There he enlisted, in 1864, for service in the Union army during the Civil war, joining Company M, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year. After the war he came to Northumberland county, being first at Shamokin, and followed work at the mines until his retirement, being employed in both the rock and coal mines. Since 1909 he has not done any laborious work. He lived at Trevorton several years, and now resides in Shamokin.

Mr. McCollum married Sarah Allvord, a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., daughter of George Allvord, of Williams Valley, that county. She died June 29, 1881, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, the mother of three children: Jacob I.; Jane, who married John A. Weaver, of Shamokin; and Frederick, living at Burnside.

Jacob I. McCollum, son of Ephraim S., received his education in the public schools of Trevorton. He began work at the North Franklin colliery, No. 10, where he continued to be employed for about ten years, at the end of which time he came to Shamokin and went to work at the Henry Clay colliery, where he remained one year and three months. From there he changed to the Burnside colliery, where he was employed continuously for the long period of twenty-two years. On Dec. 6, 1909, Mr. McCollum returned to Shamokin and formed his present association with his son-in-law, E. H. Martz, engaging in the livery business under the firm name of Martz & McCollum. They have established a large and paying business, and have a reputation for reliability which attracts and holds their patrons.

Mr. McCollum has become well known in various connections. He has been active in the local interests of the Republican party, and for three years served as register assessor of the South Coal District. Socially he holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, I. O. O. F., Shamokin Lodge, B. P. O. E., the K. G. E., the Red Men and the Conclave, S. P. K. He belongs to the Evangelical church. For some time he was a member of the old Trevorton band.

On July 24, 1883, Mr. McCollum married Mary Haupt, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Sarah (Frame) Haupt, and they have had a large family, namely: Sarah May, wife of E. H. Martz; John W.; Hettie A.; Frederick I.; Ivanhoe; George C.; Samuel I.; Ralph W.; Theodore R., and Mary J.

**SPOTTS.** There are two branches of the Spotts family in Lower Mahanoy township, both descended from Sebastian Spat, the ancestor of a numerous family, who was born on the ship while his parents were en route to America, Feb. 25, 1740. They were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. After landing at Philadelphia they pro-

ceeded to Berks county, Pa., where they made a permanent home, and where Sebastian Spat passed his youth and early married life. All his children were born there. He brought his family to Northumberland county in an early day, settling in that part of Mahanoy township now known as Lower Mahanoy, where he died March 26, 1802. He was a large land owner, his property being located in the Stone Valley, which region was wild when he located there. The Indians were his neighbors. Among his children were Johannes, Adam and Matthias. The last named lived in the vicinity of Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., where he is buried, and the Spotts family of that region are his descendants. He was a blacksmith by trade.

Johannes Spatz (as he spelled the name), son of Sebastian, was born May 24, 1762, in Berks county (probably in Bern township), and died Nov. 24, 1856, when over ninety-four years old. His tombstone is in the old part of the graveyard of Stone Valley church. He married Anna Maria Keiser (1765-1834), also a native of Berks county, and they came to Northumberland county soon after their marriage, carrying all their belongings in a bundle. This was about 1784. Taking up land in Stone Valley now embraced in the farm of John H. Spotts, a descendant, they erected a log hut near the fine spring which still makes that tract famous in the vicinity, it being one of the strongest and purest in the State. The land has remained in the family name continuously since—a period of over 126 years. The country was in its primitive state at the time of their settlement here. Wolves and bears often visited their clearing, and bears several times killed pigs in the pen; once they licked out the kettles in which "Mother" Spatz cooked the mush. Johannes Spatz was a man of medium size, but healthy, robust and industrious, and he was a proficient blacksmith, following the trade for forty years, and only abandoning it eventually because of a disabled arm. He made hinges, locks, etc., and found his mechanical skill very useful in the new country. In those days the pioneers in this locality had to take their grain to Reading to be ground, and they had to buy all their market goods at the same point, where what little produce they had to sell or exchange was also disposed of. In going down the steep hills they were obliged to improvise brakes for their wagons, which they did by chopping down trees which (with all their branches) they fastened by chains to the back of the wagon. Among the possessions of Johannes Spatz and his wife which have come down as treasured heirlooms to the present generation are a walnut bureau made by one John Schmidt and now owned by Henry Spotts, grandson of Johannes. Miss Fietta Spotts, of Dalmatia, has chinaware that belonged to them, red and blue





dishes that are unusually beautiful and highly valued. This pioneer couple were German Reformed members of the Stone Valley Church, which he served as elder many years. He was well informed concerning the Scriptures, and during his later years spent much time in their perusal. His family consisted of two sons and four daughters: Elizabeth (Betz), Mrs. Kemp; Catharine, Mrs. Johannes Brosius; Mrs. Adam Herb; Mrs. Philip Spayd; Johannes, born Sept. 15, 1786, who died Feb. 3, 1810, from the effects of his efforts in a jumping match in which the boys and young men of his district participated one Sunday; and Jacob.

Jacob Spotts, son of Johannes, was born June 14, 1788, in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, and died on his farm there June 16, 1852. He owned the farm which was formerly his father's, and in the ownership of which Jacob was succeeded by his son Jacob, the latter's son Uriah next obtaining possession of it, and John H. Spotts, the present owner, being Uriah's son. Jacob Spotts, Sr., built the present barn on the place and part of the house. He was a blacksmith by trade, and skillful in turning out various products, making nails, iron spoons, etc. His granddaughter, Fietta Spotts, has a frying pan that he made with a hammer. He was a man of fairly good education, all in German. He took an active part in church work, belonging to Zion's Church of Stone Valley, which he served as trustee and elder. His wife, Sarah Maria (Emerich), born April 28, 1789, daughter of John Michael Emerich, died Dec. 14, 1872 or 1873. Ten children were born to this couple: Jacob; Adam, who died when twenty years old; John; Elizabeth, who married John Seiler; George; Philip; Catharine, who married Isaac Schaffer; Michael; Henry; and William, who died in youth.

HENRY SPOTTS, son of Jacob, was born June 12, 1831, on the homestead farm in Lower Mahanoy township, and has passed all but seven years of his life in this section. He was reared to farm life, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn the trade of saddler from a man named Kemp, who came from Berks county. He followed his trade in various localities. Moving out to Ohio, he lived there for seven years, in New Pittsburgh, Wayne county, where he followed his trade, conducted a hotel, and for two years engaged in butchering. For eleven years Mr. Spotts was engaged in hotel-keeping at McKees Half Falls, where he also lived for five years more, and he also conducted a hotel at Shamokin Dam, where he lived for three years. When seventy-five years old he made a double set of harness which his daughter Fietta owns and prizes greatly. He has always been regarded as a reliable and valuable citizen, in every community with which he has been identified, though except for a year's service as

supervisor, while in Ohio, he has never taken any active part in public life. In politics he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Reformed congregation at Stone Valley Church.

In 1856 Mr. Spotts married Emma Jane Bingham, who became the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Fietta; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Peter H. Daubert; John O., of Port Trevorton, Pa.; and William C., of Shamokin Dam, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Spotts married Anna M. Bubb, by whom he has three sons: George Clarence is engaged in farming the land of his sister in Lower Mahanoy township; Leon lives in Mahanoy City (he was a soldier in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war); Philip, who is a railroader, lives at Sunbury, this county.

MISS FIETTA SPOTTS owns a farm of seventy-four acres in Lower Mahanoy township, which her brother is farming. She made her home in Dalmatia, where she had a nice residence, comfortable and well equipped, until her recent removal to Harrisburg, Pa. She is a member of the Reformed congregation of the Dalmatia Union Church, and for a number of years was active in the Sunday school work of that organization.

Adam Spotts, another son of Sebastian Spat, the pioneer, was born in Berks county, Pa., and lived there until after his marriage. About 1806 he came to what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, settling on the farm along the Mahantango creek now owned by John H. Witmer. He was a blacksmith by trade, as were two of his brothers, one settling near Northumberland, and the other two, Johannes and Adam, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township. Adam Spotts is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. His wife, Barbara (Fritz), was from Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth married John Spayd; Mary Magdalena married Daniel Radel; Sally married Samuel Witmer; Lydia married Nicholas Bohner; Joseph married Sarah Shutt; Michael married Catharine Bohner; John married Lydia Hepner.

John Spotts, son of Adam, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, owning the place which now belongs to Henry Kiehl. He was nicknamed "Monty." Mr. Spotts made the old kind of wooden pumps, and he was noted for his skill and reliability as a fencemaker. He married Lydia Hepner, and his children were: Samuel, Isaac, Elias, Joel, Frank, Benjamin, Eliza and Sophia.

Joseph Spotts, son of Adam, was known as "Locust" Spotts. He was a well known merchant at Line Mountain, in Lower Mahanoy. He married Sarah Shutt, and they had children: William, Catharine, Polly, Hannah and John.

Michael Spotts, son of Adam, was the progen-





itor of the line in which we are at present interested. Like his brothers, he had a nickname, being well known as "Pinky" Spotts. He was an expert miller, and followed his trade for many years, living at different mills. Born in Lower Mahanoy township, he ended his days in the same vicinity, dying at Pillow (Uniontown) Feb. 17, 1901, aged eighty-three years, four months; he is buried at that place. His wife, Catharine (Bohner), daughter of Henry Bohner, died May 10, 1897, aged seventy-six years, two months, twenty-one days. The following children were born to this union: Henry; John; Aaron; Mary (Polly), Mrs. Henry Searer; Adam; Sarah, Mrs. Fred Wiest; Andrew; Louisa, Mrs. Emanuel Michael; Benneville; Ellen, Mrs. Leon Martz; Michael.

Aaron Spotts, son of Michael, was born Feb. 6, 1844, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township now owned by Pierce Boyer, and he was reared in that township. During his early life he followed farming, to which he had been trained from early boyhood, and for a number of years he was a tenant farmer. He served as a soldier in Company D, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, having enlisted for three years, and had served eighteen months of his term when the war closed. In 1872 he purchased twenty-five acres of land, part of the Samuel Miller farm, and there he has since resided, cultivating his land and engaging in other work. He built his house in 1873 and his barn in 1887. For some years Mr. Spotts followed carpentering, and for five years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, working on bridges. He has been quite active in the public affairs of the community, served two terms as constable, and is at present one of the road commissioners. Politically he is a Republican.

On Oct. 3, 1867, Mr. Spotts married Sarah Jane Schaffer, who was born in 1847, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Reed) Schaffer, and died Feb. 22, 1889. She is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. Six children were born to this union, two of whom, one son and one daughter, died young, the others being: Harry E.; Lizzie, Mrs. Elmer I. Radel; Eva J., Mrs. Jere W. Lenker; and Rev. George W., a Reformed minister now living at Tremont, Pa., who married Pauline Schock. Mr. Spotts and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Stone Valley Church, and he has served as deacon.

HARRY E. SPOTTS, son of Aaron, was born Oct. 6, 1872, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He worked for his parents until he became of age, meanwhile receiving a good practical education in the local public schools and a thorough training to farm work. In the spring of 1893 he began farming as a tenant in his native township, renting land until

the spring of 1910, when he purchased the old Samuel Hepner homestead there. This property consists of thirty acres, lying on the road between Hickory Corners and Pillow. Mr. Spotts is particularly interested in poultry raising. He has various other business affairs to occupy his time and attention, being associated closely in business matters with Dr. M. L. Emerick, for whom he is private secretary, also looking after the Doctor's financial interests to a large extent. Mr. Spotts has property in Washington, D. C., which he owns individually, and besides has large holdings in the Federal Realty Company and in the Keystone Realty Company, both of Washington, D. C. His real estate transactions have reached considerable proportions, and he has handled them ably and intelligently, proving himself a man of ability in his different undertakings.

On Sept. 1, 1892, Mr. Spotts married Mary E. Radel, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lenker) Radel, and to them have been born thirteen children, six of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Cordelia May, Mary Jane, Lottie Fay, Edna M., Harry A., Stella and Marlan. Mr. Spotts and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation. Politically he is a Republican, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his party in his locality; he has served as register assessor.

FREDERICK R. DORNSIFE, merchant and proprietor of the "Hotel Dornsife," at Dornsife, this county, was born in Little Mahanoy township Jan. 15, 1871, son of Samuel H. and Harriet (Raker) Dornsife. The family has long been established in that section, Daniel Dornsife, grandfather of Frederick R. Dornsife, having lived there on the farm later owned by his son Samuel and now in the possession of Henry Reed, son-in-law of Samuel H. Dornsife.

Daniel Dornsife was born Oct. 27, 1792, and died Aug. 2, 1859, aged sixty-six years, nine months, six days. He and his wife Anna (Herb) are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church, of which they were Lutheran members. By occupation he was a farmer. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. The children of Daniel and Anna (Herb) Dornsife were: Susan married Conrad Raker; Anna married Daniel Raker; Lydia H., born Oct. 29, 1837, died unmarried Aug. 25, 1863; Rebecca married John Raker; Isaac lived in Mahanoy City; Harry (Henry) lived in Kansas City; Samuel H. is mentioned below; Dr. Daniel lived at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Henry Dornsife, brother of Daniel (above), was born June 9, 1794, and died Sept. 3, 1867; his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Fasold), born Dec. 18, 1799, died Aug. 13, 1873. They were farming people and lived in Little Mahanoy township.



Their children were: John, William, Elias, Levi, Henry, Jonathan (died young), Mary (Polly), Elizabeth, Catharine and Susanna.

These brothers Daniel and Henry Dornsife were the sons of one of the Hessian soldiers brought over to fight in the King's army during the Revolution. Like many of his countrymen he remained in America, settling on the west side of the Susquehanna river, where he died at a comparatively early age; he is buried there. He married Elizabeth Kahwel, who was born March 20, 1761, and died Sept. 3, 1827, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, whither she and her two sons Daniel and Henry moved after her husband's death. Here she married (second) John Dunkelberger (1745-1818), and they are buried in a private burial-ground on the old John Dunkelberger homestead. Her sons Daniel and Henry (locally known as "Henner") Dornsife are buried at Little Mahanoy Church; they were nicknamed "die Grumbera Hesse."

Samuel H. Dornsife, son of Daniel Dornsife, was born May 20, 1825, in Little Mahanoy township, where he lived and died, passing away April 4, 1889. His birth and death took place on the farm now owned by his son-in-law, Henry Reed, in the western part of Little Mahanoy, though the tract was larger in his day, and he not only followed farming but blacksmithing and tanning, having a small tannery in which he made leather for his own use. He also hewed millstones, and was an all-around mechanic, quite famous in the locality for his skill. His wife Harriet, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, died March 19, 1902, aged sixty-five years, eight months, eighteen days, the mother of a large family, namely: Anna, wife of Henry Reed; Daniel, of Shamokin; Katie, wife of Jacob Lenker; Samuel R., who died Jan. 22, 1901, aged thirty-one years, eight months, fifteen days; Frederick R.; Susan, who died Sept. 23, 1890, aged seventeen years, eight months, twenty-eight days; Henry; Reilly; a son that died in infancy; Mary, wife of Anthony Dice; David, and Felix.

Frederick R. Dornsife received his education in the public schools of the home locality, was reared to farm life, and when eighteen began to learn the trade of painter and paper hanger. He continued to follow that occupation until 1900, in which year he became proprietor of the "Neversink Hotel" at Trevorton, Pa., conducting that establishment for three years. On June 5, 1904, Mr. Dornsife came to Dornsife, where he has since been successfully engaged in business, conducting the store and hotel, of which latter he is owner as well as proprietor. Since 1907 he has also been postmaster. Besides a full line of general merchandise, for which he has an extensive local trade, Mr. Dornsife deals in coal, salt, railroad ties, bark

and lumber, giving employment to two men and doing considerable of the work himself. He has become prosperous through his industry and good management, and is a creditable representative of a family always honored in this district. The village of Dornsife, a settlement of about one hundred people, was named for Henry Dornsife (uncle of Frederick R. Dornsife), who was a miller and had a gristmill near by, on the Mahanoy creek, in successful operation. Dornsife is a station on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road.

In September, 190-, Mr. Dornsife married Cassie, daughter of the late Daniel M. Zartman and his wife Lena (Peifer), of Dornsife. Three children have been born to this union: Goldie May, Robert Raynold and Lena Catharine.

Mr. Dornsife is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Trevorton and of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Shamokin. He is independent in politics and has taken considerable interest in local affairs, having held various public offices. At present he is serving as tax collector of Little Mahanoy township.

**ROSS.** The Rosses of Lower Augusta and Rockefeller townships in Northumberland county belong to the historic family of Scottish origin founded in this country about 1756 by four brothers, George, William, John and Joseph Ross, natives of Scotland, all of whom served with distinction in the Revolution, making long and meritorious records as supporters of the cause of freedom. They were personally acquainted with General Washington. Betsy Ross, the Philadelphia damsel who made the first American flag, adopted by Congress at Washington's suggestion, was of this family, a daughter of one George Ross, who settled at Philadelphia and was a soldier in the Revolution.

The Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. I, page 385, show that George Ross was the owner of a ship known as the brig "Mary," fifty tons, registered Nov. 23, 1762. On Jan. 11, 1776, George Ross was appointed adjutant of Col. Arthur St. Clair's 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, which was in service from January, 1776, to January, 1777. He resigned this commission July 1, 1776, and was promoted to lieutenant of marines with the rank of ensign. On July 4, 1776, delegates from the Associated Battalions held a convention at Lancaster, Pa., when two brigadier generals were elected, and George Ross, who was president of the convention (D. Clymer was secretary), received nine votes. There were eight candidates for the positions, Daniel Roberdeau and James Ewing being the two successful contestants. One of the resolutions adopted at this convention reads:

Resolved, That Col. George Ross, Lieut. Col. Daniel Clymer and Capt. Sharp Delancy be a com-





mittee to review and correct the minutes of the proceedings of this day, and they are hereby desired to publish them in the several newspapers of the Colony, and that they be signed by the President.

D. Clymer,

George Ross,

Secretary.

President.

Lancaster, July 4, 1776.

In the summer of 1776 George Ross was commissioned a colonel of a company from Lancaster county. He also served the aforesaid county as deputy quartermaster general. In the summer of 1776 he issued a regimental order to which he signed his name "George Ross, Colonel." On page 15, Vol. VII, of the 5th Series of Pennsylvania Archives, is an account of moneys expended by Michael Dieffenderfer for the support of the wives and children of militiamen belonging to Capt. George Musser's company in Col. George Ross's battalion of Lancaster county.

George Ross, Jr., son of George Ross, above, in 1776 was a lieutenant of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, and on Sept. 30, 1776, was promoted to the captaincy of a company of Col. Richard Humpton's regiment, known as the "Old Eleventh." On June 11, 1777, Colonel Humpton, while in camp at Mount Pleasant, N. J., makes a report of his eight companies; Captain Ross had eighteen men in camp, thirteen at Philadelphia, one a prisoner of war, two claimed, seven deserted; total, thirty-two men.

John Ross, another of the four brothers mentioned, settled in Lancaster county, Pa., from which territory he served in the Revolution, making an excellent and honorable record.

Joseph Ross, another of the four brothers, and his son, Joseph Ross, Jr., both served with credit in the Revolution. After the Revolution he settled in New York State, where his descendants still reside. Some of his grandsons became drovers, and in the course of their journeyings as such met and talked with the descendants of William Ross, the other brother of the four, who then lived in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

William Ross, to whom the Northumberland county family traces back, in a list of miscellaneous officers is given as a captain of a company in the Revolution (Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. IV, page 205). The same authority mentions him as a private in the Continental Line earlier in the war. In July, 1777, he was a private of the 5th Battalion, and in September, 1777, he was a private of the 4th Battalion, to which he had been transferred. From Aug. 1 to Sept. 3, 1781, he was a private in Capt. Samuel Holliday's company. Later in the same year, for twenty-six days, he was on the pay roll as a private of Capt. William Huston's company. Late in 1781 he was enlisted as a private of the first class in Col. Alexander Brown's regiment. In the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. VII, page 3, he was re-

corded as a lieutenant, Oct. 25, 1777. He served nine years and eleven months.

There was a James Ross who lived in Lancaster county and was related to the four brothers, but the relationship is uncertain. He, too, made a most creditable Revolutionary record.

William Ross first settled in Lancaster county, later coming to Sunbury, where he took up a large tract of land. At the time of the Whiskey Insurrection, in 1794, he was again in the service for some months, and is said to have been killed at that time. He had an only son, William.

William Ross, only son of William, was a mere child at the time of his father's death, and he was bound out at Lancaster, where he learned the trade of hatter. Returning to Sunbury, he was married there to Betsy Michum, whose people came from the vicinity of Muncy, Pa. After several years, in 1807, he settled on a tract of land in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, now owned by John Haupt. But he lived there only a short time, in 1808 moving to the locality where his grandson William Ross lived until his recent death, this homestead having now been in the Ross name for over one hundred years. When the pioneer William Ross located thereon only three-quarters of an acre had been cleared—a deer patch made by the early hunters to help them catch the animals easily. Salt was spread on the ground for the deer to lick, and it was a comparatively easy matter to shoot them once they were in the clearing. The Daniel Levi warrant or survey for this tract, which calls for 349 acres, bears the date 1793. It was purchased by Augustus T., William and James Ross, sons of William Ross, Jr., who had also a son John and two daughters, Betsy and Polly, and all this family lived and died there except Augustus T., who died in Lopez, Sullivan Co., Pa., where he is buried. William Ross, Jr., followed hating while living in Lower Augusta township. He died in middle life, and he and his wife are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, but there is no tombstone to mark the spot.

William Ross, one of the four sons of William Ross, Jr., was born Oct. 6, 1806, at Sunbury, and was in his infancy when his parents removed to Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life. He lived on the same ground later owned by his son William, having a tract of 122 acres, mostly woodland, and in 1850 he built a stone house which was torn down by his son William in 1891. In 1850-51 he also built a barn, which his son William rebuilt in 1896. When he built the present large brick house, in 1875, he made the bricks himself, he and a neighbor, Aaron Wilkin-son, who also put up a brick house, making the bricks together in 1874 and putting up their houses the following year. Mr. Ross was a typical pioneer woodsman, and he was handy with many tools





but particularly skillful as a woodworker. There were no sawmills in the vicinity in his early life, so he shaved shingles by hand, made handles for pickaxes, hammers, etc., and was an all-around useful man at mechanical labor. He helped to build the first Shamokin dam at Sunbury, and helped to clear much land in this vicinity. His death occurred April 13, 1885, and he is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. His wife Sarah (Renn), born in March, 1818; died in June, 1879, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. Her parents, Philip and Rachel Renn, had children as follows: Henry, who located in Decatur county, Ind.; John, who located in Lower Augusta township; Betsy, Mrs. John Cornell; Sarah, Mrs. Ross; and Tiny, Mrs. John Fleming. To William and Sarah (Renn)' Ross were born the following children: Amos, who was born on the forty-fourth anniversary of his father's birth, died March 26, 1884, aged thirty-three years, five months, twenty days; William is mentioned below; Sarah Elizabeth died unmarried Jan. 20, 1880, aged twenty-three years, seven months, twenty-one days; Jane died unmarried just three weeks after her sister, on Jan. 20, 1880.

WILLIAM ROSS, son of William and Sarah (Renn) Ross, was born May 24, 1853, in Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life. His educational advantages were rather limited, but what he lacked in that kind of training he made up for in practical experience. In early life he learned his father's trade, making shingles and handles by hand, giving his attention chiefly to the production of handles of all kinds. He also helped to clear three different tracts of land, so that he knew considerable, by personal experience, of the work of developing land for cultivation. His last work of this kind was the clearing of five acres of timber, in the fall of 1909, of the 130-acre tract which he owned on the top of Mahanoy mountain, where he built a house for his son William W. Ross. He gave to each of his sons, George E. and William W., thirty acres of this 130-acre tract. For a number of years he followed lumbering, but he was most extensively interested in agriculture, at the time of his death owning about four hundred acres of land, including the homestead in Lower Augusta township. He owned the first tract of land cleared and settled in this section of the county, still known as the "Rev. Risen tract." Rev. Mr. Risen was a Methodist minister and probably the first settler in his part of Northumberland county, the house he occupied standing near a good spring. He planted locust trees. The Tulpehocken road, the first road leading to Sunbury from Reading and Berks county, and from New York State, was later laid out through this land. Conrad Weiser and the Indians passed this way in their journeyings. When the New Jersey pioneers who settled in this section were ready to

plant they obtained their first seed wheat from Rev. Mr. Risen. Though an active man Mr. Ross devoted all his time to his own affairs, always refusing official honors. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Presbyterian, and he helped to build the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He died at his home at Augustaville Nov. 14, 1910, and was buried at that place. He was not only prominent as a well-to-do farmer of his home section, but was also well known in Sunbury, and was universally respected, his death being regarded as a loss to the whole community.

On March 16, 1880, Mr. Ross married Hannah J. Strasser, daughter of Henry Strasser, and to them were born six children: George E.; William W., who married Ruth Schwenk; Clara E., who married Ernest Metz and died not long afterward; Sarah G.; Laura A., and M. Ella.

The Ross family has a wooden chest bearing the date 1776 which was made in Germany and was brought to America by a Derr, who settled in Little Mahanoy township, this county.

John Ross, previously mentioned as one of the sons of William Ross, Jr., was born in Lower Augusta township, and followed farming and laboring work generally, making pick handles to eke out his income. He owned a large tract of land on the northern slope of the Mahanoy mountain. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church, where his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Smith), also rests. They had children as follows: Emanuel; Augustus, who is deceased; Alexander, John and Frank, all of whom live at Shamokin; and Emma J., who married Ed. Bademan, of Sunbury, and died about a year afterward.

EMANUEL ROSS was born July 28, 1847, in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared and received his education. Until eighteen years of age he continued to work on the farm, and then for a period of twelve years followed railroading, during this time making his home in the borough of Shamokin; he has since made his home in Rockefeller township, and from 1887 to the present time has occupied his present farm there. It consists of 103 acres, and was formerly the homestead of Sebastian Zimmerman, who erected the barn in 1892. Mr. Ross has owned the property since 1894, having been a tenant during the first few years of his residence there. He is a progressive farmer, and one of the substantial citizens of his neighborhood, a valuable and respected member of the community and a worthy representative of an honored old family.

In November, 1870, Mr. Ross married Sarah Bixler, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Wolfgang) Bixler, of Shamokin, and they have had the following named children: Charles E., who married Eva Eister, lives in Rockefeller township; Emma died at the age of thirty years, unmarried; Har-



vey W., who married Emma Yeager, lives in Sunbury; William J. is a carpenter by trade; Alexander and Jackson live at home; Stella A. died when four years old. Mr. Ross and his family attend the Methodist Church. In his political views he is a Democrat.

James Ross, son of William Ross, Jr., was born in Lower Augusta township, and died in that section about 1857, aged fifty-two years. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He was a farmer and huckster, selling his produce at Pottsville and Minersville, and was a skillful woodworker, making grain cradles, handles for miners' tools, etc. He had a third interest in a 200-acre tract in Lower Augusta township, and lived on his part. This tract is now owned by Henry Eister and adjoins the farm of Wellington Ross, son of James Ross. An enterprising and intelligent man, he occupied an honorable place among his fellow citizens. Mr. Ross married Harriet Coldren, daughter of Solomon Coldren, of Lower Augusta township, whose wife's name was Minnier. Six children were born to this union: Edward died in 1901 in Ohio and is buried there, in Ottawa county; David A. lives near Herndon, in Jackson township, this county; Marion, who died when thirty-nine years old, was a charcoal burner in Lower Augusta township; Nelson was a farmer for some time in the State of Ohio and died in Tennessee; Wellington is mentioned below; Mary Jane lives in Northumberland county (she is a deaf mute). For her second husband Mrs. Ross married William Shipman, who died in Snyder town borough. Seven children were born to this union, namely: William H., Elliot A., Jefferson, Malinda, Emma, and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Shipman died in July, 1902, aged seventy-five years, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

WELLINGTON ROSS, son of James Ross, was born May 1, 1854, on his father's farm in Lower Augusta township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farming, and in his early manhood learned powder-making from A. S. Speece, in Little Mahanoy township, which he followed there for four years. In the spring of 1880 he began farming on the tract he still occupies in Lower Augusta township, his property consisting of seventy-three acres lying along the north side of Mahanoy mountain. Mr. Ross erected the dwelling he occupies in 1881, and the barn was built by the previous owner, John Fuller; the original owner of this place was one Isaac Rogers, a pioneer of this section, after whom Levi Barrett owned it, Mr. Fuller succeeding him. The situation is admirable, the view of the surrounding country from this location being particularly fine, and the property is valuable for its productive qualities, Mr. Ross raising considerable grain and

truck and making a specialty of fruit, growing various kinds, in abundance; he has two acres of raspberries. He takes his truck to the Shamokin markets, where it finds a ready sale.

In 1878 Mr. Ross married Sarah Eister, daughter of Isaiah and Lovina (Reitz) Eister, and to this marriage were born four children: Laura, wife of Charles Burrell (they live in Shamokin); Henry, who died young; Mary, married to John Raker (they live at Philadelphia); and Elmer, who died young. Mrs. Ross died Jan. 31, 1888, aged twenty-nine years, two months, five days, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. In 1890 Mr. Ross married (second) Annie Reader, daughter of Robert R. Reader, and they have had seven children: Lewis (who died young), Herman, Bertha, Elsie, Walter, Erma and Rosa. Mr. Ross and his family are members of the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

JACOB W. STROHECKER, a prominent farmer of the southern portion of Jordan township, was born Nov. 5, 1850, on the farm where he now lives, son of William and Sallie (Wiest) Strohecker.

John and Elizabeth (Williams) Strohecker, his grandparents, were natives of Berks county, Pa., where the Strohecker family has been established from an early date. Coming to this region, John Strohecker died when a comparatively young man, in the Mahantango Valley, and is buried at Howerters Union Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He is described as a tall man, with dark hair and brown eyes. His widow married a Williamsport man, by whom she had five children, and she is buried at Williamsport. By her marriage to John Strohecker she had two children: William and John, the latter, who was a mason, settling in the Lykens Valley and reared a family still living in that section.

Daniel Strohecker, the great-grandfather of Jacob W. Strohecker, died prior to June 19, 1826, the date papers of administration were filed, Jacob Seitzinger being administrator of his estate. The record is found in Will Book 2, page 517, at the Northumberland county courthouse.

William Strohecker, son of John, was born Jan. 7, 1811, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and farmed practically all his life in Jordan township, Northumberland county, part of his farm being now owned by his son Jacob W. Strohecker, the rest by William L. Troutman. He made frequent trips to Reading, at which place the farmers of the section did most of their marketing then, and he also drove a huckster team to Pottsville. He was a popular man among his neighbors, served two years as supervisor of Jordan township, and in politics was identified with the Democratic party. His death occurred July 21, 1889, and he is buried at St. David's Church, Hebe, where his wife also rests. Mr. Strohecker





married Sallie Wiest, who was born Feb. 21, 1816, daughter of John Wiest, and they were the parents of sixteen children, namely: John (deceased), George (deceased), Harry, William (born in 1836, died in 1845), Sallie, Samuel (deceased), Louisa (deceased), Joel, Tobias (deceased), Daniel, Jacob W., Moses, James, Polly (deceased), David and Hannah.

Jacob W. Strohecker received his education in the pay schools which were conducted in the home neighborhood during his boyhood, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents, as was customary, until he became of age. In 1872 he began farming on the homestead on his own account, having purchased sixty acres of his father's property, and in 1885 he purchased another tract, of 100 acres. He farmed all this himself until his recent retirement, in the spring of 1909, since which time he has made his home at Hebe, where he owns his nice residence and a small piece of ground. In the spring of 1910 he purchased a tract of fifteen acres near that place, and he is one of the substantial residents of the region, where he is much respected for his industrious career and usefulness as a citizen. He was successful and prosperous during his active years as the result of hard work, and he gained the reputation of being an excellent manager. For a number of years he has been quite influential in the local councils of the Democratic party and he has held various public offices, having given able service on the school board, of which he was a member for fifteen years, twelve years consecutively, and he was supervisor for five consecutive years. He has also been active in church work as a member of the Reformed congregation of St. David's Church, at Hebe, to which his family also belong; he has held all the church offices, having been deacon, trustee at the time the present church was remodeled, and elder, which office he still holds.

On Jan. 7, 1870, Mr. Strohecker married Elizabeth Wiest, daughter of John and Lucy (Beissel) Wiest, of Jordan township, and they have three children: John, who is now a lumberman in Cowlitz county, Wash., is married and has two children; Cassie married Frank Hoffman and they are farming people, living on the Strohecker farm in Jordan township, where they have been located since the spring of 1909 (they have had fourteen children, five of whom are deceased); Mary married Harry Boyer, an engineer, and they reside in Oregon (they have had one daughter, who died in infancy).

**KLINGER.** The oldest resident in his section is David S. Klinger, of Klingerstown, who has lived at that place for sixty years and in the neighborhood all his life. Henry C. Klinger, a well known young citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, is a member of the same

family, which has been established in this region for many years.

The Klinger family is of German origin, and its first representative in this country, Johan Philip Klinger, was born July 11, 1723, in Germany. He and his wife came to America and settled in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where she died, without issue. Going back to Germany, he remarried there, and on his return to America again made his home at Reading, where all his children, four sons and one daughter born to the second union, were born. Moving thence to what is now Hubley township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he took up one thousand acres of land in the neighborhood about Klinger's Church, and there lived and farmed until his death, which occurred Sept. 30, 1811, when he was over eighty-eight years old. He donated the land upon which the first Klinger's Church was built, and it was so named in his honor. The children born to him and his wife Anna were: George, John Philip, Alexander, Peter and Elizabeth. The daughter married Conrad Weiser, son of Frederick Weiser and grandson of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter. Philip, George and Alexander Klinger are mentioned in the marriage certificate of Conrad Weiser, Jr., Nov. 12, 1775. George Klinger, Esq., drew up an agreement in regard to the estate of Conrad Weiser, deceased, Mahanoy township. Of the four sons of Johan Philip Klinger, the emigrant, we have the following account.

George Klinger was married twice, the maiden name of one of his wives being Brosius. He had children by both marriages, viz.: Philip, Alexander, John, Peter, Barbara (Mrs. Zerbe) and Mrs. George Klock.

John Philip Klinger lived on a farm now owned by Emanuel Deibert, and later moved across the Susquehanna river to the location in Snyder county where he died. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and they had children. (At Klinger's Church is buried Philip, "son of Johann Philip and Anna Klinger," born March 11, 1792, died March 30, 1854.)

Alexander Klinger, born at Reading Feb. 17, 1767, died April 6, 1839, and is buried at Klinger's Church. He married Magdalena Haag, who was born in 1770 and died in 1846, and to them were born two sons and three daughters: Alexander, George, Catharine, Eve and Anna Maria.

Peter Klinger, born Nov. 3, 1773, died Aug. 10, 1858, and is buried at Klinger's Church. He married Catharine Steinbruch, who was born May 3, 1774, and died Sept. 21, 1845, and the following children were born to this union: Peter, Johannes, Jacob, George, Daniel, Alexander, John Adam, Philip, Eve (married Samuel Wiest), Hannah (married Michael Dietz) and Mrs. John Reisinger.

Alexander Klinger, son of Alexander and grand-





son of the emigrant ancestor, married Elizabeth Schwalm, daughter of John Schwalm, the Hessian soldier, and they were farming people all their lives. To them were born three sons and one daughter: Amy, John, Samuel and David S.

DAVID S. KLINGER, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Schwalm) Klinger, was born May 15, 1827. He learned the trade of millwright, and has had a busy and successful career, all of which has been passed in his native locality. In 1851 he settled in Klingerstown, where he has since resided, and he has a comfortable home and many other things which go to make life pleasant. He has accumulated considerable property, having a 150-acre farm in Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, a ten-acre tract in Klingerstown, and a tract of sixteen acres two miles from Klingerstown, in Mahantango township. Though long past the age of eighty Mr. Klinger has an active mind and a clear memory, and the family history used in this article was all contributed by him. He and all his family are of the Reformed faith, Mr. Klinger being a Reformed member of the Union Church at Klingerstown. His father was a Lutheran.

In 1851 Mr. Klinger married Barbara Wiest, daughter of John and Catharine (Merkel) Wiest, and eleven children have been born to them: Preston, Francis, Ottis, Calvin, Alexander, Amelia, Barbara, Catharine, Christian, and two who died young. The family is highly respected, being numbered among the progressive members of the community.

The Klinger name has been perpetuated in the town and postoffice bearing the name Klingerstown, so called in honor of John Klinger, as well as in the Klinger Church and Klingerstown Church, and Klingerstown Gap, which is in the Mahantango mountains; the town and gap are at the corner of Schuylkill, Dauphin and Northumberland counties, on the Schuylkill county side.

George Klinger, great-grandfather of Henry C. Klinger, of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was a grandson of Johan Philip Klinger, the emigrant ancestor of this family. According to the above record, the emigrant's sons Alexander and Peter each had a son named George. He owned a farm and followed farming near Gratz, in Dauphin county, and he is buried at Klinger's Church. In religion he was a Lutheran. (There are two George Klingers buried at Klinger's Church: George P., born Jan. 7, 1798, died Sept. 6, 1880; wife Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1805, died Sept. 12, 1885. George, born March 17, 1795, died Sept. 18, 1866; wife Eve, born Jan. 20, 1798, died Aug. 26, 1863.) To George Klinger and his wife were born children as follows: Daniel, who lived at Seven Points, Pa.; William, a farmer in the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, who died at Gratz; Elias; and Mary, wife of John Shade.

Elias Klinger, son of George, was a farmer in the Lykens Valley, near Gratz, where he is buried. He died in 1855, when yet a young man. In religion he was a Lutheran. His widow, Sarah (Kissinger), remarried, becoming the wife of Elias Bush. To her marriage with Mr. Klinger were born five children, three sons and two daughters: Caroline, who married Joel Daniel; John, who died aged seventeen years; Frank, of Gratz; Emanuel; and Catharine, who married Ulrich Trautman.

Emanuel Klinger, son of Elias, was born May 25, 1848, and was reared to farming. His father died when he was only eight years old, and he worked for his mother until he was over twenty-one. After his marriage, which occurred in 1870, he began farming at Hebe on the farm now owned by William Bohner, remaining there for two years. He then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township on the farm he now occupies, thence moving to Elias Boyer's farm for a year and later to Abraham Boyer's place. After several removals he located on the Jacob Hilbush farm, near Mahanoy, in Jackson township, where he lived and farmed for eleven years, in 1890 returning to the farm in Lower Mahanoy. This farm has since been his home. It consists of one hundred acres, located about two miles northeast of Hickory Corners, and Mr. Klinger purchased it from Benjamin Boyer. He and his family are members of Zion's Church of Stone Valley, and in political matters he is identified with the Democratic party.

Mr. Klinger married Elizabeth Bohner, daughter of John and Hettie (Troutman) Bohner, of Jordan township, and they have had a large family: Monroe, who was drowned in infancy; Hattie, who married David Bordner; Elias, of Jordan township; John, of Sunbury, Pa.; Penrose, of Lower Mahanoy; Charles, of Herndon, Pa.; Jacob, of Urban, Pa.; Henry C.; and Lizzie, who is unmarried and living at home.

HENRY C. KLINGER, son of Emanuel, was born Jan. 4, 1885, in Jackson township. He received his education in the public schools in the vicinity of home, and for five terms attended a summer normal school conducted at Herndon. He was licensed to teach in the public schools of Northumberland county, by Prof. I. A. DeWitt, then county superintendent, and began teaching in the fall of 1904, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he taught one term. For the next two terms he was engaged in Jackson township, returning at the end of that time to Lower Mahanoy, where he has taught for the past three terms. In 1907 he was granted a teacher's professional certificate. He enjoys the reputation of being a successful instructor and disciplinarian and is well thought of in the localities where he is known. In 1907 Mr. Klinger was elected assessor of his township, and reelected at the end of his term, being still the



incumbent of the office—the youngest assessor his township has ever had. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been active in the interests of his party in this locality for a number of years, doing effective work in the local organization. He is considered one of the enterprising young men of his section, and holds the respect of all who know him.

JOHN H. GEIST, a retired citizen of Sunbury, was born Jan. 5, 1838, at Northumberland, Northumberland county, and is a member of an old Pennsylvania family first settled in Berks county, being a great-grandson of Conrad Geist, who came from Germany about 1760 and located in that county. There is also a large family of Geists in Montgomery county, Pa., descended from one Christopher Geist, and there were others in Chester county. In 1790 there lived in Lancaster county the families of George and Jacob Geist, and in the same year the families of John and Matthew Geist lived in Montgomery county. In 1790 Conrad Geist, of the borough of Reading, had three sons over sixteen years old; two daughters; and wife. The same year there is record of George Geist, of Longswamp township, Berks county, with one son under sixteen years of age, one daughter, and wife; and of Valentine Geist, of Longswamp township, with one son under sixteen, two daughters, and wife.

John Geist (son of Conrad, who came from Germany about 1760) was the grandfather of John H. Geist, of Sunbury. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Koch), were both from Berks county, and lived in that section of Northumberland county now embraced in Snyder county, where he followed farming. He spoke German. The date of his wife's death is not known, but his occurred in the year 1812. Among their children were: Daniel, who was a farmer in Montour county, Pa.; Henry, who located in the West; Conrad, who died in Dauphin county, Pa.; John; and Peggy, who married a Mr. Dentler and lived in Chillisquaque township, this county.

John Geist, son of John and Elizabeth (Koch) Geist, was born Sept. 29, 1801, and in early life learned the trade of tanner with a Mr. Ziegler, in Sunbury. He engaged in the business on his own account at Northumberland until the old State canal was built, when he sold out, the canal passing through the property. He then bought a hotel in the borough of Northumberland and conducted it for some years, after which he bought a boat and team and engaged in boating for a few years. Selling out, he became a lock tender at Chapman, Snyder county, during the Civil war period, tending the locks there for a number of years. He was toll tender at the North Branch, at Northumberland borough, for eleven years. He died on North Second street, Sunbury, Jan. 8,

1880, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. On Dec. 12, 1824, at Millersburg, Dauphin county, he married Susanna Frederick, who was born Nov. 25, 1805, and died Feb. 5, 1894. She was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, and her parents were living in Philadelphia when the British entered that city, being obliged to take refuge in their cellar until the danger was over. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Geist: William F., born Sept. 28, 1825, died at Pottsville, Pa., in 1910; Margaret E., born Jan. 6, 1828, married John Clark; Frederick, born in 1833, died in infancy; Amelia, born Feb. 28, 1835, married H. H. Hetzel and they live in Williamsport, Pa.; John H. is mentioned below; Catharine, born June 1, 1840, married Henry Clement and died Aug. 18, 1899; Michael F., born Oct. 22, 1842, died in infancy; Caroline, born Sept. 26, 1846, died May 9, 1851.

John H. Geist received his education in the common schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and in 1866 entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as a tool dresser, being in the same employ, in that capacity, for about thirty years, until he was retired and pensioned at the age of sixty-five. He is a member of the Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Company and wears a veteran's button. Mr. Geist is an honorable and respected citizen and enjoys the good will of all who know him.

During the Civil war Mr. Geist was in the Union service eleven months, having enlisted at Northumberland in the band of the 5th Regiment, was one of the emergency men of the 20th Regiment, a member of the 13th Pennsylvania Militia, and also in the construction corps in Sherman's army. He is a member of Bruner Post, G. A. R., and an honorary member of the Odd Fellows at Sunbury. In religious connection Mr. Geist is a Methodist, and he served several terms as steward of the church during his more active years.

In February, 1867, Mr. Geist married Anna Elizabeth Kline, who was born Dec. 23, 1844, daughter of Dewitt Kline, and died Oct. 23, 1891, the mother of three children, namely: (1) Clinton D. conducts a papering and painting business in Sunbury. He married Florence Niece and has a son, Homer J. (2) Laura, who was an invalid, died unmarried. (3) Harry C. lives in Sunbury, where he is engaged as agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. He married Bessie Stuart and has children, Mildred, Harold and Edna.

IRVIN K. WETZEL, proprietor of the "Mansion House" at Shamokin, one of the best located hotels in that borough, has been in business at that stand since January, 1906. He has been a hotel-keeper in Shamokin and Mount Carmel since 1894, and is well known to the traveling public.

Mr. Wetzel was born May 16, 1868, in Eldred





township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where the family has been located for some generations. His grandfather, Peter Wetzel, followed farming in that township and died there. His farm is still in the family. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and their children were as follows: Peter, Daniel, Charles, Elias (living at the old homestead in Schuylkill county), Polly (married Benjamin Herring), Sarah (married Cornelius Herring), Lydia (married Elias Morgan) and Mrs. Ephraim Neiswelter.

Daniel Wetzel, father of Irvin K., was born in 1835 at the homestead in Eldred township, and died there in 1876, at the age of forty-one years. He was well known in his neighborhood, where he followed the blacksmith's trade all his active life. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Church, in the work of which he took an active part, and he was a Republican in political opinion. A good man, industrious, thrifty and honorable, he was highly respected. He married Catharine Kehler, daughter of John Kehler and granddaughter of Johnston and Catharine (Knarr) Kehler, farming people of Schuylkill county. Mrs. Wetzel survived her husband many years, dying July 7, 1908, at the age of sixty-nine. Their children were as follows: Catharine, who lives at Ashland, Pa., is the wife of William Matern and has had children, Vertie (deceased), Ira, Herbert, Elizabeth, Maud, and William (deceased); Helen, who lives at Shamokin, is the wife of Simon F. Dunkelberger and has children, Walter, Estella, Joseph, Mabel and Golden; Minerva married William Snyder and lives at Allentown (they have had a large family, George, Howard, Beatrice, Eugene, Lucile, Turcie, and three who died young); Elsworth, a plasterer by trade, who died when twenty-eight years old, married Ida Costerter and they had two children, Katie and Eva; Irvin K. is mentioned below; Harriet was married Feb. 22, 1886, to Jefferson C. Daniel, who was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and they reside at Shamokin (they have two children, Lamor and Daniel); Susanna, twin of Harriet, lives in Camden, N. J., the wife of George Rudolph, and they have had four children, Raymond, Edna, Clayton, and Matilda (deceased); Oscar K., born Sept. 30, 1873, is a well known merchant at Market and Arch streets, Shamokin (he married Carrie May Foulk and they have one son, George Albert, who is at school); Elizabeth died in infancy; May married Lester Wetzel, of Shamokin, and they have had three children, Franklin, Catharine L., and Myron (deceased).

Irvin K. Wetzel received his education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. Being so young when his father died he went to live in Schuylkill county with his maternal uncle, Franklin Kehler, by whom he was reared, re-

maining there until he attained the age of eighteen. Having learned the trade of butcher he followed it for six years, and then for five years conducted a general store which he had purchased. In 1894 he entered the hotel business, to which he has since devoted his attention. On Aug. 14th of that year he began keeping hotel on North Second street, in Shamokin, continuing at that location for two years and three months, at the end of which time he went to Mount Carmel and took charge of the "Locust Mountain Hotel," three years later purchasing that property, which he still owns, and which he himself conducted for eight years in all. In January, 1906, he came to Shamokin and leased the "Mansion House," one of the oldest hotels in the city, purchasing it Nov. 7, 1909, in partnership with Augustus Kehler. A few months later Mr. Wetzel bought out Mr. Kehler. This house, located at Market, Lincoln and Arch streets, near the Soldiers' monument, occupies one of the best and most convenient sites in the city, and the accommodations it offers attract a good class of patrons. There are fifty rooms, and the place is well equipped with the comforts and conveniences which go to make a desirable stopping place for travelers. In addition to this profitable stand Mr. Wetzel owns the well known "Maysville Hotel," about three miles from Shamokin, which he bought in May, 1909. He also engages quite extensively in dealing in horses, and in both lines of business he bears a high reputation among his customers and associates, his success having been won by straightforward methods and unimpeachable transactions.

On Nov. 20, 1886, Mr. Wetzel married Ida M. Snyder, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Wetzel) Snyder and like himself a native of Eldred township, Schuylkill county. They have had children as follows: Beulah (who is married to Ray Schoener and has two children, Ruth and Irvin), Walter (who is studying at Dental College in Philadelphia), Robert (who died young), Lottie, Edith, Clayton, and Palmer (who died young).

Mr. Wetzel is a member of the Evangelical Church and fraternally of the F. O. E., the Red Men, the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F.; he also belongs to the Independent Fire Company of Shamokin. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN H. DEPPEN, who is a resident of Jordan township and well known in his section of Northumberland county, is a carpenter by trade and has also engaged in farming, and he is widely known in his connection with the official life of the county. He was born Jan. 9, 1865, at Hebe, and is a son of Henry W. Deppen, who was born in Jordan township and passed all his life there, dying at the home of his son Charles, at Hebe, Oct. 20, 1902, aged sixty-eight years, one month, two days. He followed his trade, that of





carpenter, in his own and surrounding neighborhoods, and was employed as such for over twenty years by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He owned a forty-acre farm in Jordan township, and cultivated it for some years, meantime also continuing his trade. He held a number of local offices, serving as school director and assistant assessor, and he held the offices of elder and deacon in the Lutheran congregation of St. David's Church at Hebe, to which he and his wife belonged. They were faithful members of that church and deeply interested in its welfare. Mr. Deppen was a Republican in politics. He married Amanda Lettich (Lettig), whose parents were residents of near Elizabethville, in Washington township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and she died several years before Mr. Deppen, on Aug. 19, 1896, aged forty-nine years, eight months, one day. Mr. and Mrs. Deppen are buried side by side at St. David's Church. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, wife of William Kopenhaver; William Thomas, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Charles Ludwig; John H.; Emma, wife of Henry Schwalm; Samuel, of Elizabethville, Pa.; Salarah, married to Wilson Knorr; Charles, of Hebe; Daniel, of Hebe; Arthur, who died aged eleven years; and Harvey, who died in childhood.

John H. Deppen received his education in the public schools of Jordan township and when sixteen years old began to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed it for about three years, and for another three years was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, later commencing to farm in Jordan township, near Hebe, where he was thus engaged for a period of fifteen years. Mr. Deppen has had numerous public responsibilities, having served the township efficiently as school director, auditor and election officer, and he was appointed postmaster at Hebe during the Harrison administration, under Postmaster General Wanamaker. He continued to hold the position twelve years, resigning when he received the appointment of turnkey at the Northumberland county prison. He gave highly satisfactory service in that capacity under George Hancock for three years. In 1900 he was census enumerator of Jordan township, and was again appointed in 1910. For many years he has been one of the active workers of the Republican party in the lower end of the county, was committeeman of the party in his township for twelve successive years, has been delegate to a number of county conventions and in 1907 served as delegate to the State convention, when John O. Sheetz was nominated for the office of State treasurer, to which he was elected.

In 1884 Mr. Deppen married Catharine Troutman, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Shadel) Troutman, and they have one son, Allen S., who

is a carpenter and lives with his parents at Hebe. Mr. Deppen and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Hebe, and he has been one of its most useful workers, having held the offices of deacon and elder and at present serving as trustee. He is one of the most influential and respected residents of his township.

CHARLES SHIFFER, of Sunbury, dealer in patent medicines, toilet articles, etc., was born Dec. 8, 1847, at Effort, Monroe Co., Pa., son of Abraham and grandson of Conrad Shiffer. The name was originally spelled Schiffer.

Conrad Shiffer lived at Brodheadsville, Monroe county, where he engaged in farming, and he is buried at Pleasant Valley Church in that county. He and his wife had a large family, among their children being: George, Conrad, Charles, Jacob, Abraham, John and Sally Ann (who married John Kresge and lived at Brodheadsville).

Abraham Shiffer was born May 18, 1823, and died May 5, 1892, just before the close of his sixty-ninth year. He lived at Brodheadsville, Monroe county, and was a man well known in his vicinity, having taught school for many years, and later engaged as a huckster, butcher and farmer, owning a farm, upon which he made his home. He was a member of the Reformed Church and is buried at Brodheadsville. His wife, Julian Searfos (daughter of William Searfos), was born in 1829 and died in February, 1891. They had one son, Charles.

Charles Shiffer received his education in the public schools in the home neighborhood. He was trained to farm work, which he followed during his earlier years, and was later employed in the lumber industry for sixteen years, on the Lehigh river in Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county, taking different contracts and at times employing his own help. He assisted the Drum Brothers in the mercantile establishment, and also worked in their clothes-pin factory, being in their employ about four years, after which he returned to farming for a year. He was next located at Freeland, Luzerne county, where he followed the carpenter's trade about eight years, the last four years of that period in the employ of Eckley B. Cox, coal operator. In September, 1893, he went to Jamison City, Columbia Co., Pa., where he and the Drum Brothers (previously mentioned) purchased the company store at that place from the Union Tanning Company. Mr. Shiffer was engaged there for two and a half years, thence removing to Williamsport, Pa., where he was located for two years, conducting a grocery store. In February, 1899, he came to Sunbury, where he has since been established in his present line of business at No. 18 North Third street, between the Pennsylvania depot and Market Square. Mr. Shiffer carries a large and com-



plete line of patent medicines, toilet articles, soaps, and allied commodities, for which he has found a ready market in the borough. He has enjoyed an excellent trade from the beginning, and has steadily enlarged his circle of patrons, being an accommodating and enterprising business man, who knows how to anticipate the wants of his customers and keep his stock in advance of the demand as well as equal to it.

In 1871 Mr. Shiffer married Savanna Williams, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Workheiser) Williams, who then lived at Gouldsboro, Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county. They have had two children: Hubert F., now engaged as engineer at the Union Tannery, in Jamison City, Columbia county, married Esther Sutliff and has one child, La Rue; Raymond, manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Sunbury, married Alice Orner, and has children Eleanor and Eugene. Mr. Shiffer and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Sunbury.

**WALT.** The Walt or Wald family is well known along the Susquehanna in the southwestern portion of Northumberland county, several of its members residing at Herndon and Dalmatia. Solomon Z. Walt, a thrifty business man and farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, William A. Walt, a resident of Herndon, who has been track foreman of the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road for a number of years, and Joshua Wald, who is now living retired at Dalmatia, are all of the same stock, descendants of Solomon Walt or Wald.

Solomon Walt (or Wald) was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., where he owned a fine farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Late in life, in about 1839, he removed to this section with his family, settling at Uniontown, which is across the river in Dauphin county. There he died, at a ripe old age, and there he is buried. He led a retired life after coming to Uniontown (also called Pillow), and for some years before his death was blind. He was a man of medium size. His wife, Catharine (Underkoffler), also lived to an advanced age, and we have the following record of their family: Willoughby and David, both of whom lived at Dalmatia, are more fully mentioned below; Henry, who was a boatbuilder and carpenter, lived at Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., where he died when comparatively a young man and where he is buried (his wife, Rebecca Borrell, bore him three children, Jonathan, Jane, who is married and lives at Saint George's Lock, Del., and Rebecca, who died young); Catharine (Kate) married Abraham Ziegler, of Herndon; Susanna died unmarried; Caroline lives in Montgomery county; Sallie married Adam Gottshall and they lived at Pillow, Dauphin county; Betzy married Abraham Herman; Lovina married Henry Frey

(after a short residence in Northumberland county they returned to Montgomery county).

Willoughby Walt, son of Solomon, was born near Schwenkville, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, and came to Northumberland county about 1839-40. He died at Dalmatia when eighty-two years old, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Helena (Ziegler), of Montgomery county, was also about eighty-two at the time of her death. Eleven children were born to them, as follows: Catharine married Joel Engle; Abraham died young; Polly (Mary) married Reuben Aucker; Alfred died young; Willoughby C. is mentioned below; Benneville died in the Civil war; Peter lived at Dalmatia, Pa.; Solomon Z. is mentioned below; three died young.

Willoughby C. Walt, son of Willoughby, is a native of Dalmatia (Georgetown), Northumberland county, born April 17, 1841. In his earlier manhood he followed farm work, in June, 1869, beginning work on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as a section hand. In 1877 he became section foreman on the Herndon branch, a position he held for over twenty years, during which time he came to be regarded as one of the capable employees of the company. Since 1900 he has been retired from active work of a laborious nature. He has served four years as supervisor of Herndon, and has been a useful citizen. During the Civil war he was a private in Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he took part in the engagement at Fort Steadman, in 1865, and at the taking of Fort Mahone, April 2, 1865. He made a creditable record in the army for faithful and honorable service. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Walt married Amanda Sultzbach, daughter of Jacob, of Dauphin county, and they have had five children: Mary married C. W. Umholtz and they live in Philadelphia; William Augustus is mentioned below; Katie married Charles Bogar, of Herndon; Henry was drowned in 1871, when eighteen months old; Reuben was killed while playing baseball in Herndon, in 1906. Mr. Walt and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

**WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WALT**, son of Willoughby C. Walt, and his father's successor as track foreman on the Philadelphia & Reading road, was born at Herndon Aug. 31, 1871, and there received his education in the common schools. He began working for the railroad company when twenty-one years old, and on April 19, 1900, was made track foreman of the Herndon branch, in which position he has since served. He has two men working under his supervision. His section extends from Herndon to Latsha. Mr. Walt has taken considerable interest in local politics and public affairs, having served as school director of the borough of Herndon and as election officer.





Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

In 1895 Mr. Walt married Sarah Bordner, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Heckel) Bordner, formerly of Dalmatia, this county. They have had four children, Katie A., Gertrude A., M. Arline and Mary M. Mr. Walt and his family belong to the Reformed congregation of the Herndon Union Church.

SOLOMON Z. WALT, son of Willoughby Walt, was born April 1, 1848, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In his youth he was trained to farm work, but when a young man he took up the miller's trade, completing his apprenticeship when twenty-two years old. He had learned the business at Uniontown (Pillow) and Lewisburg, Pa., and worked at it on his own account one year, operating the Mandata mill, in Jordan township. For a number of years he followed wheelwrighting in connection with farming, beginning agricultural pursuits in association with his father, but in the spring of 1875 starting out for himself, on the thirty-three-acre tract in Lower Mahanoy township where he now lives. It is one mile southwest of Dalmatia, in the independent school district. Mr. Walt has an attractive home and a valuable piece of property. He has a man to look after the farm work, he himself conducting a wheelwright establishment, which is well patronized by his neighbors. He is an excellent mechanic, not alone in that line, but able to perform the work of various trades, and he does a thriving business, his services being in constant demand.

In 1871 Mr. Walt married Polly Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, and they have an only daughter, Lena Susan, now the wife of Charles S. Deppen. Mr. Deppen was born March 24, 1874, son of William and Susan (Shaffer) Deppen, grandson of William Deppen and great-grandson of Christian Deppen. He is engaged as a traveling salesman, and is an intelligent and substantial citizen of his community, one who enjoys excellent standing. Mr. and Mrs. Deppen have had two children, Ivy Thelma and Stena Reba.

Mr. Walt and his family are Lutherans in religion, and worship at Zion's Church in Stone Valley. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as clerk of his township.

David Wald, son of Solomon, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and when a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed while living in his native county. About three years after his second marriage he moved to Northumberland county, settling at Georgetown (now Dalmatia), where he continued to work at his trade. For thirty years he was engaged as a carpenter in the boat yards at Mahantango, Liv-

erpool and Northumberland, and for thirteen years he and Augustus Arnold rented a boat yard and repaired boats. During this time Mr. Wald and his family lived at Mahantango, Juniata county. He then retired to Georgetown, where he died and is buried. His first wife, whose maiden name was Neiman, was from Montgomery county, and they had a son Augustus, who died at Herndon and is buried at Georgetown. His second wife, Rebecca (Fegley), was from his own neighborhood in Montgomery county, and to them were born three sons and two daughters, as follows: William, Joshua, David, Elmira (married James M. Wiest) and Elizabeth (married George Bingaman). The family were Lutheran members of the Georgetown Church, and they are buried at that church.

JOSHUA WALD, son of David, was born Aug. 18, 1846, in Lower Mahanoy township. He received his education in the pay schools in vogue during his boyhood, first attending school in his native township and later in Juniata county. When only eight years old he began driving a mule on the towpath of the Susquehanna canal, and after a few years commenced boating, which he followed for seventeen seasons all told, two years before his service in the Civil war, and fifteen years after. He was only a youth when he enlisted at Harrisburg in Company K, 83d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a year's service, but he was mustered out at the end of eight months, by reason of the war closing. Among his active engagements were the action at Hatcher's Run and the operations before Petersburg, besides a number of skirmishes. Resuming civil life, he continued boating until 1878, in which year he engaged in the livery business at Georgetown. After about five years in that line he went into the lumber business, in 1884, near Sunbury, contracting for logs and ties and peeling bark, and he was thus engaged for two years, in 1887 commencing farming. That year he purchased a seventy-five-acre farm at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township, which place he cultivated for nine years. This farm was formerly the property of William Schaffer and is now owned by Elmer I. Radel. In 1897 Mr. Wald settled in Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he owns a fine residence and has since lived in practical retirement, though he occasionally engages in coal digging in the Susquehanna. He is a respected citizen and is trusted by his fellow citizens, but he has never cared to undertake the duties of public office. Politically he is a Republican.

In 1875 Mr. Wald married Alveretta Heckert, daughter of William and Lydia J. (Favinger) Heckert, who had three children, Alveretta, Polly (unmarried) and Henry (unmarried, who lives at Millville, Pa.). Jacob Heckert, grandfather





of Mrs. Wald, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township. His children were Catharine (Mrs. George Doney), Jacob, William and Jessie. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wald: Jennie Lucretia, who died when fourteen months old; and Edward M., who died when three months old.

GEORGE H. KEEFER, general contractor at Mount Carmel, has been in business there since 1895. He was born in 1872 in Milwaukee, Wis., son of Philip W. Keefer, grandson of George Keefer, and great-grandson of pioneers who came to Northumberland county from Berks county, this State.

The great-grandfather, a native of Oley township, Berks county, came to Northumberland county when a young man, bringing his wife and two children, and settled in Shamokin township. He prospered, and engaged in agricultural pursuits there the remainder of his life. He had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel, George, John, Peter, Catharine, Mollie, Elizabeth and Hannah.

George Keefer was born in 1796 in Oley township, Berks county, and was eight years old when the family settled in Shamokin township, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta township, near Lantz's Church, where he was successfully engaged in farming and milling until 1864. He then disposed of the mill, but continued to farm until his death, which occurred in this county Oct. 16, 1879. He was a stanch Democrat, prominent in the political affairs of his section and influential in the councils of his party, and was chosen to several township offices. He was also prominent in the religious life of the community as a faithful member of Lantz's German Reformed Church, which he helped to build and which he served as trustee and elder for many years. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Lantz, had five children: Samuel L., born March 28, 1828; Peter, born March 3, 1838; Margaret; Hannah, and Mary M. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Weiser, there were six children: Catharine, George W., Philip W., John S., Jennie and Lucy A.

Philip W. Keefer, son of George, was born Nov. 22, 1846, and married Annie A. Kemp.

George H. Keefer, son of Philip W. Keefer, came to Sunbury, Northumberland county, with his father when five years old, and attended school there. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father, and architecture under his uncle, George W. Keefer, and in 1890 engaged in business on his own account in Sunbury, where he built the Armory and the Northumberland National Bank building. In October, 1895, he settled in Mount Carmel, during the early part of

his residence here carrying on the wholesale and retail lumber business. His first building contracts were for the residences of William Kiefer, Judge Lincoln S. Walter, and P. A. Vought; as his patronage widened and his business increased he was intrusted with more and more important work, the Masonic temple, the Donohue building and the George Lamskey building being all of his construction. He has also had many contracts outside of his own community, having built the waterworks at Columbia, S. C.; the filter plant at Oklahoma; the waterworks at Winfield, Kans.; the silk mills at Marion, Ohio, and at Lewistown and Sunbury, Pa., for the Susquehanna Silk Company; the converting works at Sunbury, for the same concern; and a silk mill for the Schwartz-enback Huber Company, Juniata, Pa. A mere list of his contracts is sufficient evidence of his standing, and the many substantial structures of his construction testify to the value and solidity of his work, as well as to his intelligent ideas on modern building and convenience in arrangement of space. He has held the respect and good will of his various patrons to an unusual extent. Mr. Keefer is president of the Mount Carmel Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia. He is well known in his connection with the State National Guard, and during the Spanish-American war enlisted in Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving nine months. Socially he belongs to the Elks, Lodge No. 356, of Mount Carmel.

On June 16, 1896, Mr. Keefer married Maude Foye, daughter of Landis and Harriet (Wolf) Foye. They have no children.

JOHN H. MAILEY, postmaster at Northumberland, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 6, 1861, at West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa., son of William Mailey and grandson of Peter Mailey. The latter was a resident of Harrisburg, Pa., where he died at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Among his children were John, Eli, William and Annie.

William Mailey, father of John H. Mailey, was born in 1830, and died in October, 1867, in Harrisburg. He learned the trade of iron worker, which he followed all his life. His wife, Elizabeth (Heffley), daughter of Leonard Heffley, still survives him, and makes her home in Harrisburg. They were the parents of the following children: Abner, Amos, David, John H., Emory and George B.

John H. Mailey attended the public schools of Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., where he was reared, having gone there in 1867, the year of his father's death. He learned the nailing business, which he continued to follow until his removal to the borough of Northumberland in 1890, after which he was employed by Taggart & Howell for one year.



For the next sixteen years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, beginning as brakeman and advancing until, when he left the road, he had become extra conductor. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster at Northumberland, and he has since devoted all his time to the duties of that position, in which his services are proving most satisfactory. He was reappointed Feb. 23, 1911. The office is at present of the second class. Mr. Mailey is an esteemed and well known citizen of the borough, where he has taken considerable part in politics, as he did also at his previous location, Duncannon. He was elected chief burgess of Duncannon in 1889. Since his removal to Northumberland county he has served twelve years as borough committeeman of the Republican party. When the Northumberland Gas Company was organized, in 1911, Mr. Mailey became one of the original directors, and is serving as general manager.

On June 26, 1884, Mr. Mailey married Matilda C. Eshelman, daughter of Jacob Eshelman, of Duncannon, and they have had four children: Eva, wife of M. P. Tierney, an attorney at law of Northumberland borough; Nora; William, who married Ruth Burns, of Sunbury; and Charles. Mr. Mailey and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church.

**B. FRANKLIN HECKERT**, attorney at law of Sunbury, Northumberland county, associated in practice with George B. Reimensnyder, was born in that borough Aug. 4, 1876. He is a member of an old Northumberland county family, being a descendant of Michael Heckert, who emigrated from Germany some time during the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled in Lower Mahanoy township in the early days. He owned a considerable body of land, some of which is still in the possession of his posterity, who are still numerous in this county and also well represented in the Western States. Michael Heckert's sons were Francis, Yost, Peter and John; and he had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Jacob Miller and moved to Armstrong Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa. The sons Francis and Yost went West. There may have been other children.

Peter Heckert, one of the sons of Michael who remained in the home neighborhood, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, having taken up farm lands there. He died at Sunbury. He served in the war of 1812, was honorably discharged, and received two tracts of bounty land for his services in the war. He married Hannah Witmer, and their children were: George; Michael; Peter, who settled and lived in Northumberland county and had two sons, Jacob (who is a marble cutter in Millersburg, Pa.) and Willis (who is a railroader, living in Georgetown—Dalmatia,

Pa.); Elias, who settled in Northumberland county, and had ten children, all living, Henry A. (residing in Kansas City, Mo.), Emma E. (Mrs. I. J. Shroyer, formerly of Shamokin, now of Dauphin county), Riley W. (farmer in Northumberland county), John W. (a merchant in Heggies, Schuylkill Co., Pa.), Mary A. (Mrs. John K. Maurer, of Schuylkill county, Pa.), Sarah J. (Mrs. Jacob Maurer, of the same county), Joseph L. (a baker in Girardville, Pa.), Lydia A. (Mrs. John W. Bahner, residing near Stonington, Northumberland county), Lizzie A. (Mrs. Elmer A. Bohner, of Northumberland county) and Eli P. (the principal of schools at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.); Isaac; Benjamin; Joseph, who resided in Perry county and who became a soldier in the Civil war, during which he was shot while relieving a picket, who did not recognize him; Riley; Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Lenker; Polly, Mrs. Harry Weaver, who has a son George, living in Shamokin, Pa.; Sallie; Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Wentzel, who resided in the State of Indiana; Christina, Mrs. Aaron Conrad, who resided in Perry county (Mr. Conrad was a soldier in the Civil war and died of typhoid after a forced march to Gettysburg in 1863, after his enlistment had expired); Hannah, Mrs. John Christ; and two others, who died in youth. Of this family, Elias, now (1911) eighty-four years of age, and Hannah (Mrs. John Christ) are the only ones living, and both reside in Northumberland county.

Benjamin Heckert, the twelfth in order of birth, was born Aug. 14, 1835, in Butler county, Pa., and grew to manhood in Lower Mahanoy township, where he received his education in the local schools. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker there and at Sunbury, to which place he came when a young man, and where he was for eight years in the employ of Sebastian Haupt. In 1862 he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Northumberland, where he remained until his removal to Sunbury, in 1871. There he was in business for many years as a funeral director and furniture dealer, having the largest establishment of the kind in the borough in his day and employing a number of clerks. His progressive and enterprising methods kept him at the head of the trade throughout his active career. He retired some years before his death, which occurred July 6, 1906.

In 1859 Mr. Heckert married Sarah Jane Durst, who was born May 5, 1838, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Mahany) Durst, of Sunbury, and died Sept. 13, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Heckert were members of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he held membership in the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sunbury. He was independent in politics. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Heckert: William N. died in infancy; Rev. Charles G. graduated from Wittenberg College,





Springfield, Ohio, became president of that institution and a clergyman of the Lutheran Church; Emma D. married William G. Savidge, of Sunbury; Jennie M. married Sharon Stevens, of Harrisburg; B. Franklin was a twin of Harry N., who was drowned in the Susquehanna river when fourteen years old.

B. Franklin Heckert received his early literary education in Sunbury, graduating from the high school there in 1893. He then took a course at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897, after which he had a year's study at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. He read law with George B. Reimensnyder, the foremost attorney of Northumberland county, was admitted to the bar of this county in 1900, and to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts in 1902. Since his admission to the bar he has been associated in practice with his preceptor, Mr. Reimensnyder, who makes a specialty of the civil branch of the law. His personal and professional standing and associations are most propitious.

Mr. Heckert is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury and prominent in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., of Sunbury, of which he was worshipful master in 1909; in Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 174; in Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; in Williamsport Consistory; and in Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He also belongs to the Americus and Temple Clubs of Sunbury.

JOHN GLOWA is connected with several of the most important business enterprises of Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he has been well known in commercial circles for a number of years, though he did not establish a permanent home in that city until 1906. He is a self-made man, one whose excellent judgment and well directed executive ability have made him successful in his various undertakings.

Mr. Glowa was born June 24, 1863, in Galicia, Austria, in which country his father, Mathew Glowa, followed farming. He died there. John Glowa attended school in his native country, where he grew to manhood, coming to this country in 1882. He landed at New York City Nov. 18th, and made his first location at Danville, Pa., where he found employment in the rolling mill, working there three months. He was next employed on the construction of the railroad from Snyderstown to Sunbury, Pa., and after following this work a short time entered the employ of the Excelsior Coal Company, at Excelsior, Northumberland county, continuing with them for a period of seven years. In 1889 he located in Shamokin, where he remained for the next three years, after which he

opened a general store in Excelsior, keeping a miscellaneous stock, anything, in fact, that there was any call for. It was this liberal policy of catering to the wants of his customers that made his business so successful, and he continued it until 1906, when he moved his residence to Shamokin. Here he has since lived, at No. 321 North Shamokin street. He still has mercantile interests, being president of the Russian Mercantile Company, of Shamokin, in which line his long experience has fitted him for valuable executive service. Mr. Glowa was one of the original directors of the Market Street National Bank, of Shamokin, and is still serving in that capacity; he is also a stockholder in the Shamokin and Coal Township Light and Power Company, in the Hoven Mercantile Company of New York City and in the Cornell Powder Company of Scranton. He is a very popular citizen of Shamokin, and stands well among his own countrymen there, being president of the Ruthenian Catholic Church, of which he was one of the founders. In his native land he was a member of the choir in his church until he left for America.

Mr. Glowa's first marriage was to Catherine Chlebowski, who died May 9, 1907, and is buried at Shamokin; she was a native of Austria. His present wife was Ella Emek. Five children were born to the first union: Mary, Michael, Mathew, Walter and Antiona.

SNYDER. David L. and Harry E. Snyder, brothers, residents, respectively, of Ralpho and Shamokin townships, the former postmaster at Cabel, are sons of David H. Snyder and grandsons of Joseph Snyder, the pioneer hotel-keeper in the borough of Shamokin.

John Snyder, the first of this family in America, came from Germany and settled at Trenton, N. J. Coming to Northumberland county, Pa., he was one of the early residents of Rush township, where he died. He married Ellen Witlock, and their children were: Joseph: Jacob, who died at Frackville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Reuben, who died at Snufftown, Northumberland county; and Sallie, Mrs. Teats.

Joseph Snyder, son of John, was born at Trenton, N. J., Oct. 10, 1796, and grew to manhood at his native place, receiving an ordinary schooling. He married Annie Heller, a native also of New Jersey, born Sept. 18, 1794, and in 1818 came to Pennsylvania, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county, where he began farming. Some time later he opened a hotel at Snufftown, in Shamokin township, and thence in 1835 went to Shamokin, intending to engage in the hotel business. But the outlook was not encouraging, and he returned to his old location for a short time. In 1836 he again went to Shamokin, where he began keeping hotel in a building which subsequently





formed part of the old "Vanderbilt Hotel," on the present site of the "Hotel Graemar." He continued the business with great success for several years, and then accepted the position of resident land agent, to the duties of which he devoted his time for many years. Toward the latter part of his life he purchased a farm in Ralpho township (the property later owned by his son John B.) and remained there two years, at the end of which time he returned to Shamokin. He died there Feb. 1, 1867. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat and filled various local offices, being the first constable of Shamokin, tax collector, etc. He was active in Church work, having been one of the organizers of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin and largely instrumental in the erection of its edifice in 1840. A good citizen, reliable and straightforward in all his dealings with his fellowmen, he was highly respected wherever known. His widow, who died Aug. 6, 1881, in her eighty-seventh year, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of the following children: Amelia married Joseph Enoch and (second) Jonathan Farnsworth; Harmon died in Shamokin; Rachel became the wife of Alem Sechler; Eleanor, now the only living member of her generation, is unmarried and resides in Shamokin; David H. is mentioned below; John Boyd was born April 3, 1836, the first white child born within the limits of what is now Shamokin borough.

John Boyd Snyder, son of Joseph, learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed in connection with farming. On Jan. 1, 1857, he married Mary M. Mowery, who was born Dec. 9, 1836, daughter of Daniel Mowery, of Shamokin, and died May 1, 1911. The following children were born to them: Charles, who died when six years old; Anna (deceased), who married Matthias Neely; George McClellan, who married Priscilla Swoyer; John H., now clerk of the "Hotel Graemar"; Edwin A., who died young; Elizabeth; Florence Rebecca, who married John Tyler; Emma; and Joseph W., who married Gertrude Yost. The father, John Boyd Snyder, died in Shamokin in February, 1903. He was a Democrat in politics and fraternally a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

David H. Snyder, son of Joseph, was born in November, 1834, at Rushtown, Northumberland county, and when a boy learned the trade of saddler, which he followed throughout his active years. Before his marriage he taught school for three terms in Little Mahanoy township, this county. He was located at Catawissa, Shamokin and, eventually, at Cabel, in Ralpho township, this county, also following farming to some extent, on a small tract which he owned. During the Civil war he was in the Union service for nine months, and returned home in poor health, never entirely recovering his strength after his army experience.

A Democrat in political opinion, he took considerable interest in politics and public affairs; was a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally belonged to the I. O. O. F. He died Nov. 9, 1878, aged forty-four years, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery, in Ralpho township.

On Dec. 25, 1856, Mr. Snyder married Mary J. Campbell, daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Yocum) Campbell, and granddaughter of Obediah Campbell. She now makes her home at Cabel, in Ralpho township. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had the following children: Amy A. married S. F. Boughner and lived in Ralpho township (she died in July, 1901); Rosella married William O. Hoffman and they are living at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Joseph N. married Elizabeth Frederick and their home is in Shamokin township; Clark W., of Milton, Pa., married Annie Rice and (second) Kate ———; David L. is mentioned below; Minnie married W. L. Eisele and is living at Williamsport; Harry E. is mentioned below; Calvin N., who was a telegraph operator, died at the age of twenty-six years.

DAVID L. SNYDER was born Oct. 25, 1867, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and obtained his education in the public schools. He learned the saddler's trade with his brother Joseph, at Cabel, remaining with him about ten years, until he commenced business for himself. His patronage is extensive and drawn from a wide territory. Mr. Snyder also manufactures harness, and since 1904 has been engaged in the sale of farm implements. He is a most enterprising man, and is interested in the timber business, supplying the mines. In 1909 he bought the old Snyder homestead at Cabel, in Ralpho township, a tract of seventy-six acres—good land and valuable timber. The farmhouse on the property was at one time known as the "Red Tavern," a hotel having been maintained there many years ago, and it is one of the landmarks of this section. On June 1, 1902, Mr. Snyder was appointed postmaster at Cabel, where his brother Joseph and his mother have also officiated, in the same capacity. He is a progressive citizen, thoroughly identified with local interests, and is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Independent Fire Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

On June 7, 1896, Mr. Snyder married Estella Moody, daughter of Allen Moody. She died one year afterward, at the early age of twenty, the mother of a daughter, Estella. Mr. Snyder's second marriage, which took place in June, 1898, was to Annie M. Moyer, daughter of Jonathan Moyer, of Berksburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and she died Sept. 26, 1909, leaving the following children: Charles, Elsie, Leon, Annie and Chester. Mr. Snyder has since married (third) Gertrude Chamberlin, widow of Edw. Chamberlin, and a daugh-



ter of Luther Sober. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

HARRY E. SNYDER was born May 12, 1872, in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was reared upon the farm and received his education in the public schools of the home locality. For two years he was engaged in the milk business at Weigh Scales, his next location being at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, where he carried on a mercantile business for one year. In 1906 he bought the old Amandus Miller homestead in Shamokin township, consisting of seventy-four acres, where he devoted himself to farming until his removal to Shamokin, in April, 1911; he resides at No. 623 West Pine Street. He is a young man of energetic disposition, intelligent in his work and enterprising in his methods, and his farm showed the effect of good management. He had good buildings and kept his property in excellent condition.

In 1901 Mr. Snyder married Lulu V. Miller, daughter of Amandus Miller, late of Shamokin township, and they have four children: Ernest M., R. Merrill, Mary H. and Rosella F. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church in Ralpho township, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A. In political matters he votes independently.

JARID C. IRWIN, a venerable citizen of Sunbury, has had a long and useful life, one of unusual activity, and few residents of the borough are any better known in the community. For many years he was identified with its public affairs, having served several years in the borough council, as member of the school board for the remarkable period of twenty-one years, during which time he was never absent from a meeting of the board, and was chairman of the building committee who superintended the erection of the present high school building, as justice of the peace, and from 1892 to 1897 as postmaster of the borough.

Mr. Irwin is a son of Martin Irwin, who came to Sunbury early in 1830 from Chester county, Pa., where he was born April 1, 1804. He followed shoemaking throughout his working years, and was an industrious and intelligent man, one who had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. For some years he served as court crier, and in 1848 he was elected to the office of register and recorder of Northumberland county, which he was filling at the time of his death, June 13, 1849, in Sunbury. He was a Democrat, and quite active in politics. Mr. Irwin married Rachel Irwin, who was born in 1808 in Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of James Irwin, a native of Chester county, where he is buried; he lived to the age of ninety-three. James Irwin had the following sons: George, James, Samuel, Joseph, Jarid and Fenius. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Martin Irwin: Jarid C., born March 13, 1830; James P., born in 1832; Mary, born in 1834, who married Charles D. Wharton; S. Elizabeth, born in 1836, who married Dr. Daniel Shindel; Isabella, born in 1838, who married Joseph Bright; Amelia Alice, born in 1842, who married John Olson; R. Marian, born in 1843, who died young; Jane P., born in 1846, who married Edward Israel; and Samuel P., born in 1849, who married Miss Val Elexander, and died in 1908. The parents of this family are buried at Sunbury, in the lower (Fourth street) cemetery. They were Episcopalians in religious connection and active in church life. After the father's death the mother married (second) Frederick Lazarus, whom she also survived, her death occurring in 1895.

Jarid C. Irwin was born March 13, 1830, in Sunbury; where he grew to manhood, and there he has always made his home. He learned shoemaking with his father, with whom he worked from an early age, beginning the trade in the days when custom work was the rule; when the work was all done by hand; and when shoes were made on straight lasts, not rights and lefts as at present, and worn on either foot, being changed about daily to keep heels and soles from becoming crooked. Mr. Irwin followed this business throughout his active years, and prospered. It is his public career, however, that has brought him into special prominence, his services having covered many years, during which he filled various offices with ability, showing conscientious devotion to the duties intrusted to him. He was a member of the borough council for two terms. For twenty-one years he served on the school board, for a longer period than any other one man in Sunbury, and in all that time never missed a meeting of the board, was secretary of that body for twelve years, treasurer four years, and president for a time, and always known as one of the most effective workers in the borough in the cause of public education. On April 14, 1890, he was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Beaver, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. N. Brice. At the close of his appointive term, first Monday in May, 1891, he was elected for five years, but in 1892 resigned his office, having been in the meantime appointed postmaster, when Hon. John Wanamaker was postmaster general. He held that office until 1897.

Mr. Irwin has always been a staunch Republican, and he served in the Union army during the Civil war under three enlistments. In 1861 he became a private of Company F, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served three months, in Maryland and Virginia, taking part in the first fight at Falling Waters, Va.; his second term of service was as a private in the 45th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he remained a little over a year, during that time taking part in the battles







*Jared C. Irwin*





of James Island (S. C.), Antietam and South Mountain; later he served a year as a private of Company C, 47th Pennsylvania Regiment. He is a leading member of William A. Brunner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of Sunbury, which he helped to organize, being one of the charter members, and is a past commander. For the past fourteen years Mr. Irwin has acted for the county commissioners in the matter of looking after indigent Civil war veterans, seeing that decent burial is provided for such as die without sufficient means and that headstones are erected to mark their graves properly. For many years he was a member of the Knights of Pythias. In religion, like his parents, he is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Irwin can look back over a most interesting period of Sunbury's development, and he has embodied his memories in a book of Reminiscences, which he completed and published in 1910, when past the age of eighty. The edition of three hundred copies was intended chiefly for distribution among his friends, but it is a substantial and valuable addition to the history of the borough and of Northumberland county, though the author himself claimed no such distinction for it. The work was a labor of love, accomplished in his leisure hours, and the accuracy of his recollections, together with the care and thought which he bestowed upon this collection of "fugitive facts" concerning the early days in which all are interested, not only evidence the remarkable clearness and vigor of mind which this octogenarian has retained, but show a true gift for the grasping of those things most characteristic of the times he depicts and a faculty for presenting them which entitles the book to more than local recognition. The cold facts of history stand in little danger of being lost in these days of daily records, and the increasing appreciation of the value of statistics. It is the doings and incidents typical of the early days of the borough which may too readily slip into oblivion unless rescued in time by the hand of one who has the necessary knowledge and opportunity to record them. The book contains so many entertaining recitals of life and conditions in the early days of the borough that it might furnish "local color" for many other works, incidents of all kinds being set forth in most attractive and readable form, and with a regard for facts that enhances the worth of the volume appreciably. The people who have known and loved Sunbury feel a personal sense of gratitude toward him for the occurrences he has perpetuated in this work. The customs and practices of Sunbury people sixty and more years ago he recounts from his personal experiences and recollections. Beginning with a brief reference to the founding of the borough, a little before his time, he gives two quotations from an old newspaper, which present in sharp contrast with the present the days when Sunbury

had no communication with the outside world except by means of the turnpike and canal. One notes the return, April 3, 1835, of the canal boat "Augusta" from Philadelphia; the other the arrival of two cars of coal from Shamokin in 1836, the year the railroad between Sunbury and Shamokin was completed. At this time there were eight hotels or taverns, as they were then called, in the town, some of them on sites still occupied by hotels. In 1842 the population was only 1,108, and at that time there was not a house in sight north of Race street, or south of Spruce, or east of what is now known as Spring Run. In 1848 the entire tax levy of the borough amounted to \$1,294.63. The public schools were opened in 1834, and the school tax for the first year was \$554.938; the first building especially erected for school purposes in Sunbury was opened in December, 1837.

Of interesting facts concerning the changes in the physical features of the town there are many, some scarcely comprehensible to the present generation. The present site of the Reading railroad depot was an old basin which was a favorite resort of skaters in the winter season; Shamokin creek was once a "fisherman's paradise"; the part of town extending from the upper basin to beyond the Philadelphia & Erie shops was practically a swamp, covered with a dense wild growth of shrubs, bushes and vines; and allusion is made to the old picnic ground, "which was a dense growth of trees, south of the eastern extension of Walnut street, and east of Spring run, extending along Shamokin creek, quite up to the old town mill." In these days a boy could not earn more than twenty-five cents a day, a levy, or twelve and a half cents, being the average, and fifty cents daily was the regular price paid for a man's labor. There was little opportunity for girls to make money.

To the social pleasures of the day and humorous happenings, many of which have become historic, Mr. Irwin devotes considerable space. He tells of the annual training days, when the militia met at Sunbury for drill; of the fights and festivities which marked these occasions; the hucksters busily engaged in the sale of the ginger cakes, root beer and other refreshments in popular demand; and the dancing, usually at the "Black Horse Hotel," the "Ferry House" and the "Cross Keys." One of the most amusing incidents related was the expedition made by the Sunbury Grays to oust a negro family squatted on an island in the river. One day, the drum corps being short of a fifer, a celebrated whistler in the town agreed to furnish the music for the parade, and kept his word. The horse races so keenly enjoyed in the early days, the feud between the Sunbury and Northumberland boys, and numerous other things recalled with



zest by most of the older inhabitants; have been set down with a pen moved by the spirit of the times, and the volume has been received with delight. A number of illustrations accompany the text.

On Feb. 15, 1851, Mr. Irwin married in Danville, Pa., Ann S. Kiehl, who was born in 1833, daughter of George W. Kiehl, of Sunbury, at one time sheriff of Northumberland county. She died March 9, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had four children, namely: Marian, who died young; Georgia Anna, who married Sharon Stephen, of Harrisburg, where she died, leaving two children, Fred H. and Bessie; William, who died young, and Martin, who died young.

REV. A. H. BLEISTEIN has been pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Trevorton, Northumberland county, since 1902, and the church and its work have prospered steadily under his wise and efficient administration. He was born March 6, 1874, at Lebanon, Pa., where his father, John Bleistein, a native of Germany, settled upon coming to this country. The father was a furnaceman and employed as such throughout his active years. He died at Lebanon May 20, 1874. His widow, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Host, is now living with her son, Father Bleistein, at Trevorton. She is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bleistein, namely: Frank, who died young; Joseph, a resident of Lebanon; Carl, who died young; John; William, of Lebanon; Charles, living at Chester, Pa.; Philip, a resident of Lebanon; Mary, deceased; and A. H.

A. H. Bleistein received his early education in the parochial schools at Lebanon, and in Vincent College, located at Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In 1892 he entered Mount Saint Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md., from which institution he was graduated in 1897. For the next two years he pursued the theological course there, and for one year was a student at St. Charles Seminary (the Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo), at Overbrook, Pa., after which he began his work as assistant to Father Christ, of St. Joseph's Church, at Lancaster, Pa. His next location was at New Freedom, York Co., Pa., where he remained for one year, from June, 1901, to June, 1902, at which time he was transferred to Trevorton. Here he has since had charge of St. Patrick's Church. He has been very successful throughout his pastorate, and the affairs of the congregation are in a thriving condition.

St. Patrick's Church was founded soon after the opening of the coal mines at Trevorton. A large proportion of the Irish and German miners were members of the Catholic Church, and Rev. Michael Sheridan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, at Dan-

ville, was requested to pay them a visit. He celebrated the first mass at the house of a Mr. Compton, and the first baptism and marriage recorded in the church records by Father Sheridan are dated Oct. 1, 1854. It is very probable he commenced visiting the town about that time. In 1857 he was succeeded by Rev. George Gosten-schnigg, pastor at Milton, who organized the congregation and at once commenced collecting money for the erection of a church edifice. Father George, as he was familiarly known, continued his collections over the county until May, 1859, when the contract was let for the church building, a white sandstone structure 35 by 65 feet in dimensions, still in use. The edifice was completed in May, 1860, and was dedicated on the 20th of that month by Bishop Neuman, of Philadelphia, and placed under the patronage of St. Patrick. A large assemblage was present at the services, but the pastor who had worked so hard to accomplish all this had not lived to see the ceremony. While making preparations for the event Father Gosten-schnigg became overheated, and he died at Milton May 2, 1860, and was buried in St. Joseph's parochial lot at that place. His successor, Rev. M. Muhlberger, served until 1861, when Rev. Emil Stenzel became pastor. In 1862 he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Murray, and in November, 1863, Rev. J. J. Koch, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Milton, was transferred to this charge. In 1866 Father Koch was appointed first resident pastor of St. Edward's Church at Shamokin, but also continued to minister to St. Patrick's until 1878, during which time he enlarged the church building, had the interior frescoed, paid off the debts, and placed the affairs of the congregation on a sound financial basis. For four years after Father Koch's pastorate Rev. August Schlue-ter, formerly of Locust Gap, was in charge at Trevorton, he being followed by Rev. Henry Relt, the first resident pastor. Father Relt built a two-story parochial residence in 1882. In 1889 Rev. Francis L. Breckel was placed over this charge, which he continued to serve until the fall of 1900, when Father George Seubert came hither from St. Anthony's church in Lancaster, Pa. In the spring of 1901 the present church site was purchased, and preparations made to build. The first services in the new structure were held in the basement Christmas Day, 1901. Father Seubert continued in charge until the present pastor, Rev. A. H. Bleistein, was transferred hither in June, 1902. Many changes have taken place in the membership of the church, which decreased for a time as the suspension of the coal business caused many families to move from the vicinity. The congregation now numbers about one hundred families, principally German, and there is a flourishing Sunday school.





JOHN T. CROMPTON, of Mount Carmel, has been identified with the industrial interests of that place since he came there in 1906 to take charge of the hosiery mills, the leading manufacturing establishment of the place. For three years before he was sent to Mount Carmel he was at Shamokin in the employ of the same concern.

Mr. Crompton is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born in 1861. His father, John T. Crompton, was born in England, whence he came to America in 1847 in a sailing vessel. The voyage took six months. He settled in Philadelphia, where he found employment with a cousin of the same name in the manufacture of paper boxes, continuing to follow this work until his death, which occurred in 1873. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gould, died only a few months before him. They were the parents of four children, namely: Georgiana, who died young; John T.; Georgiana, who lives in Gloucester, N. J.; and William, of Philadelphia.

John T. Crompton received his education in the schools of his native city. He began work early, in a stocking mill, but after a short period of employment there went to the State of Delaware, where he was engaged at farm work four years. In 1881 he located in New Jersey, where he also followed farm work, and he was engaged in farming for fifteen years on his own account before he commenced commercial life. He embarked in the commission business in Philadelphia, at No. 305 Front street, where he continued for three years. He has since been employed with the W. F. Tauble (Inc.) Hosiery Mills. His first work for this concern was in New Jersey, in the dye house, and in 1903 he was sent to Shamokin, Pa., to take the position of assistant superintendent. On Sept. 13, 1906, he came to Mount Carmel to take charge of the mill at that point, where two hundred and fifty hands are steadily employed. The mill is the leading industrial establishment in Mount Carmel, and as such occupies an important place in determining the local welfare. Mr. Crompton, in his capacity of superintendent, has shown himself to be a man of ability and resource, and possessed of excellent judgment, and he is a respected citizen of his community.

On June 3, 1886, Mr. Crompton married Mary Lovell, and they have three children, John, Ida and George. The family reside at No. 305 West Third street. Mr. Crompton is a member of the Knights of Malta commandery at Mount Carmel, and while in New Jersey he joined the I. O. M., Jr. O. U. A. M. and P. O. S. of A.

HERBERT J. STANNERT, a leading business man of the borough of Northumberland, and the only lumber merchant at that point, is carrying on the business established by his father and occupies an important position in the commercial life of

his section. He gives employment to a large number of men, having a variety of interests which keep him busy and attract capital to the town.

The Stannert family has been settled in Northumberland county from the time of his grandfather, Jonathan Stannert, back of whose time we have little definite record. The name Stannert is of French origin, but as many English have French names, through the thousands of Normans who went over to England with the Conqueror, it cannot be stated of what nationality the early members of the family in America were. At the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes over one hundred thousand Huguenots fled to England and hundreds of their sons came to Pennsylvania as English. Again, William, Prince of Orange, had a whole brigade of Huguenots with his army at the battle of the Boyne (1690) in Ireland, most of whom stayed in Ireland after the victory, and many of them, or their sons, came to Pennsylvania with the Scotch-Irish. For this information we are indebted to the Rev. Dr. A. Stapleton, who thinks these Stannerts may have come to Pennsylvania from New Jersey—probably the second or third generation in this country, there being many such families in Pennsylvania. General Stannert, of the Civil war, was from New Jersey.

Jonathan Stannert, great-grandfather of Herbert J. Stannert, lived at Conshohocken, Pa., where he was a successful business man, a miller and merchant, and also had a farm. He had a number of children, who settled in the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and among them was a son Jonathan, who was born in Conshohocken.

Jonathan Stannert, son of Jonathan, came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1829 or 1830, and there passed the rest of his active years, engaged in farming, at Sodom. Originally he owned a large tract of land. Some years before his death he retired to Lewisburg, Pa., where he died and is buried. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His wife, Sarah (Sedginger), who hailed from Conshohocken, died two years before him. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, Massey, Dorothy, William, Harriet, Hannah, John H., and two who died young.

John H. Stannert, son of Jonathan, was born June 10, 1833, in Chillisquaque township, and attended the eight-cornered schoolhouse still standing in the central part of Chillisquaque township. Until eighteen he was employed at farm work, and then learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until he entered the Union service during the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 150th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served one year, becoming second sergeant of his company. He was discharged from Turness Lane hospital the second day of the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, but reentered the service and was superintendent of commissary un-





til Lee's surrender. After the war he was engaged in boating grain for a time, and later carried on the coal business at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1881 coming to the borough of Northumberland, where he has since made his home. He dredged sand from the west branch of the Susquehanna for twenty years, until his retirement, in 1905, when he turned the business over to his son, who has since continued the original line and added other branches, now having a large establishment. Mr. Stannert has long been one of the most respected residents of Northumberland, and aside from business has become particularly well known for his active association with religious work. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Church, has served as class leader, exhorter and trustee, and has endeavored to lead an exemplary Christian life. He has been one of the pillars of his church for many years.

In 1854 Mr. Stannert married Mary Paul, daughter of Sampson Paul, of Lewisburg, and they have had eleven children: Ella (deceased), Thomas, Wilson P., Lawrence, Mary, Clara, Harry, William (deceased), Herbert J., a daughter that died in infancy, and Nellie.

Herbert J. Stannert was born Nov. 12, 1871, and received his early education in the public schools of Lewisburg, later attending the Northumberland high school and Williamsport Business College, from which he was graduated in 1894. From that time he assisted his father, who was engaged principally in the sand business, succeeding him in 1905. Mr. Stannert not only deals in lumber, brick, slate and sand, but also handles all kinds of mill work. His business has reached large proportions, forty men being now given employment in the conduct of its various branches. Mr. Stannert being one of the busiest and most successful men in the borough. He has taken contracts of all kinds, having put up a number of buildings, including several dwellings, in Northumberland, does all kinds of cement work, and is daily increasing the extent and importance of his interests. He came to enter the lumber business, now his principal line, through contracting. Mr. Stannert has given his influence and aid to the promotion of various enterprises of importance to the general welfare of his locality. His standing in the community has been gained by able administration of his numerous undertakings, and his integrity and honorable methods are recognized by all who have been associated with him. His connection with the public affairs of the borough has been continuous from his young manhood, he having been a member since 1895 of the borough council, of which body he was president for some years. He is a leading member of the Republican party in his section, has been Republican borough chairman since 1909, and was prominently mentioned for the senatorship of his district until he himself

discouraged the movement in his favor. Fraternally he holds membership in Eureka Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 196, I. O. O. F., both of Northumberland; and in Chapter No. 174, R. A. M., of Sunbury.

On Dec. 25, 1895, Mr. Stannert married Ida U. Steffen, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dangler) Steffen, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mary Margaret.

GEORGE M. HOWELL, general merchant, is a resident of the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he has his principal establishment. He began the business in partnership with his father, Charles M. Howell, as junior member of the firm of C. M. Howell & Son, and still does business under that name.

The Howell family is of English origin and has been settled in America from early Colonial times, the first ancestor on this side of the Atlantic having been Edward Howell, who was born in England, baptized July 22, 1580, came to America about 1639-40 and first settled at Lynn, Mass. Later he moved to Long Island, settling at Southampton, where he died. George M. Howell is directly descended from him.

Charles Muirheid Howell, father of George M. Howell, was born July 17, 1851, at Van Camp, Columbia Co., Pa., and in 1889 settled with his family at Northumberland, Pa., where he became one of the foremost men of his day. He was a leading business man of that place, and in his later years took his son George M. Howell into partnership, under the firm name of C. M. Howell & Son. He died at Northumberland July 4, 1907. Mr. Howell married Frances E. McCollum, who survives him and continues to make her home at Northumberland, and to them were born children as follows: Maude, wife of W. L. Gutelius, of Washington, D. C.; Edna, wife of Herbert W. Cummings, of Sunbury, Pa., ex-district attorney of Northumberland county; George M.; Charles M., a graduate of Bucknell University, now a civil engineer; and Edward L., a student at Bucknell University.

George M. Howell was born Dec. 19, 1876, at Eckley, Luzerne Co., Pa., and began his education in the schools of Fayette county, this State, whither his parents moved in 1881. He also attended Bucknell University and State College, meantime moving with the family to the borough of Northumberland. His school days over, he entered into business life as his father's partner, under the firm name C. M. Howell & Son. Since the death of his father he has continued the business under the same name, and he still has his main office at Northumberland, where he has the leading general store in the place. He conducts two branch stores, one at Oneida, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the other at Fern Glen (Gowen post of-



fice), Luzerne Co., Pa., all under his personal management. Mr. Howell has been a highly successful business man, applying the most modern methods to the operation of his stores, all of which are run on a profitable basis. He is a well known citizen of Northumberland, and identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Eureka Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M.; Bloomsburg Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity.

On March 15, 1902, Mr. Howell married Jennie L. Eckert, daughter of H. T. Eckert, of Sunbury, and they have had one son, George M., Jr., born Aug. 4, 1904. The family are Presbyterians in religious association.

**J. IRVIN STEEL, JR.**, of Shamokin, editor and publisher of the Shamokin *Daily Herald*, is a newspaper man "by inheritance," his father and brothers having all been successful publishers. His father, J. Irvin Steel, Sr., a native of Huntingdon, Pa., died May 29, 1904, at Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he resided for forty years. He started the *Ashland Advocate*, later known as the *Evening Telegram*, and also owned the Shamokin *Dispatch*. His wife, Mary (Gwinn), died in Ashland twenty years ago. They had sons Charles E. Steel, of Minersville, Pa., cashier of the Union National Bank; W. A. Steel, newspaper man in Seattle, Wash., and Cordova, Alaska; J. Irvin Steel, of the Shamokin *Herald*; Stewart Steel, of Ashland, printer; and Harry G. Steel, of Cordova, Alaska, a newspaper man.

J. Irvin Steel, Jr., was born in 1865 at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was educated. Coming to Shamokin eighteen years ago, he was associated during the first year of his residence in the borough with his father, who owned the *Daily Dispatch*. One year later he joined his brothers, Harry G. and Charles E. Steel, as one of the proprietors of the *Daily Herald*, a newspaper originally established in 1862 and published continuously since. It has been issued daily since 1888. About eight years ago Mr. Steel bought out his brothers' interests, becoming sole proprietor, and still continues as such. His only child, William A. Steel, is city editor of the *Herald*. The business is located at No. 712 North Rock street, and a profitable printing business has been established, book, legal, general job and commercial work of all kinds being turned out. On Jan. 17, 1911, Mr. Steel was appointed transcribing clerk of the Pennsylvania Senate. He is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks. Politically he is a Republican, and is considered a high authority in the local political field, prominent in the councils of his party in Northumberland county.

**JAMES B. ENT**, a farmer of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was born at the place

he now resides Dec. 16, 1859, and has followed general farming and trucking all his life. He was the first tax collector elected in his township, and has the reputation of being a reliable, intelligent man, a valuable citizen of the district in which he makes his home.

Peter Ent, great-grandfather of James B. Ent, was a native of Jersey, born Jan. 11, 1749, and died Feb. 28, 1829, aged eighty years, one month, seventeen days. He served as a flag bearer in the Revolutionary war. His wife, Sarah (Kent), born Feb. 11, 1755, died May 14, 1821, aged sixty-six years, three months, three days. Their daughter Susanna, who married William Brewer, was born May 16, 1784, and died Nov. 21, 1854, aged seventy years, six months, five days.

Charles Ent, grandfather of James B. Ent, lived and died in Columbia county, Pa., where he followed farming, owning two large farms there, in Roaring Creek Valley. He was born June 25, 1788, and died Jan. 1, 1849. He married Elizabeth Mears, and his children, all now deceased, were: Peter, John, Jackson, Daniel, Charles, Thomas, George, Samuel, Sarah, Angeline, Caroline and Mary.

Samuel Ent, son of Charles Ent, was born Feb. 13, 1813, in Columbia county, and died Nov. 9, 1869. In his earlier manhood he followed cabinet-making and the undertaking business and later engaged at the carpenter's trade, many of the old structures around Elysburg having been built by him. In 1865 he erected the old Elysburg Academy building, now known as Odd Fellows Hall. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, and served as commissioner of Northumberland county in 1858-59-60-61. A member of the I. O. O. F., he originally belonged to Mount Tabor Lodge, at Shamokin, which he served as noble grand, and when Elysburg Lodge was organized he became a charter member. In various ways he was considered one of the leading men of his district.

On March 30, 1836, Mr. Ent married Lucy Clayton, daughter of William Clayton. She was born Dec. 17, 1814, and died March 31, 1883, and she and her husband are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) church in Ralpho township. They had children as follows: Elizabeth married Luther Hoover, and died in 1869, aged thirty-one years; Ellen S., born in 1840, died in 1863; William Clayton, born in 1843, died in 1869 (he served during the Civil war in Company F, 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserves); Louisa married Freeman Haas; Adeline is living with her brother James B.; Charles W., born Feb. 19, 1850, died Nov. 2, 1869; George B., born April 19, 1853, died March 7, 1873; Dora married Simon G. Kase; James is residing on the old home place.

James B. Ent attended the local public schools and Elysburg Academy, and throughout his active life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He





now owns his father's farm, a tract of seventy acres near Elysburg, and takes his produce to the Shamokin markets, where he finds a ready sale for his crops. Mr. Ent has prospered by dint of persevering industry and devotion to his work. He is a man of solid worth, possessing the courage of his convictions, and votes the Prohibition ticket, and has served upon the local election board. He was the first tax collector of Ralpho township. In religion he is identified with the M. E. Church, being one of its active members, and socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A.

On Nov. 2, 1881, Mr. Ent married Ida Grim, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Grim, of Dauphin county, Pa., and they have had three children: Bertha, married to S. Kimber Fahringer (they reside at Tamaqua, Pa.); Harry, who died in infancy; and Lucy.

WEBSTER HERB YODER, shoe merchant at Mount Carmel, has been established in his present line of business in that borough for several years and has made a success of his venture, being one of the most progressive young business men of the community, one whose enterprise and perseverance deserve the reward of prosperity. He is a public-spirited citizen, ready to enter into projects affecting the general welfare as well as his own prosperity. Mr. Yoder is a native of Schuylkill county, born Dec. 24, 1877, in Eldred township, son of Lewis K. Yoder, grandson of Peter and great-grandson of Anthony Yoder.

The first of the Yoder (sometimes spelled Yodder and Yotter in the German) name in America were Yost and Hans (or Hance), brothers, who sought refuge in England from the religious persecutions suffered in their native Switzerland. They brought little with them to America besides their Bible. Upon their arrival in the New World they pushed on into the wilderness beyond Oley hills, and finally settled on the Manatawny. Yost Yoder was one of the most active of the early frontiersmen of Pennsylvania. His chief occupations were hunting and trapping, which he always combined with farming, or rather with the "clearing and cultivation of a plantation." It is certain that he and his brother were located in Pennsylvania before 1714. Nine children were born to Yost Yoder, and of seven of these the record is as follows: (1) Johannes Yoder, often called Yost, was born in 1718. After 1752 he removed to Reading, where he died April 7, 1812, and his remains were interred on his father's land at Yottersville (Yodersville), named after his family, now Pleasantville, in Oley township, Berks county. The following inscription marks his grave: "Hier Rhuet Johann-es Yoder. Erwurde geboren 1718. Verelichte sich mit Catharina Lyster (Leshner) 1747 und zeugte 4 sohne und 5 tochteren. Starb den 7th April, 1812, nach seiner 66 jahr in der

ehe gelebt hatte war alt warden 94 jahr und 14 tag." In 1747 he married Catharine Lyster (Leshner), and her tombstone records "b. 1730, d. 1812, having lived married 66 years and aged 82 years." (2) Jacob Yoder removed to the western side of the Schuylkill. On Nov. 6, 1757, at the age of twenty-two years, he enlisted in the Provincial service of Pennsylvania, and was a saddler three years in Capt. John Nicholas Weatherholt's company. He was stationed in Heidelberg township, Northampton county, in March and April, 1758 [Pa. Arch., 2d Ser., Vol. II]. He served in the American Revolution as a private in Peter Nagle's company, and later in Capt. Charles Gobin's company, 6th Battalion, Berks county, Pa. He was in a detachment of the 6th Battalion to guard prisoners of war from the Hessian camp at Reading to Philadelphia. He married Maria Keim. (3) Samuel Yoder settled on a "plantation" near Lobachsville, about one and one half miles from Pleasantville, which he received from his father. He had children: John, Jacob, Samuel and Catharine. (4) Mary Yoder married Daniel Bertolet. (5) Catharine Yoder married John Reppert. (6) Elizabeth Yoder was the wife of Mathias Rhode and they had children: Jacob, John, Joseph, Abraham, Catharine, Maria and Esther. (7) Esther Yoder married a man named Cunius.

The wolves in Oley wrought great injury among the sheep and hogs of the settlers. It was customary to make pitfalls and thus trap them. Many stories are told of Yost Yoder's efforts at their extermination. He sometimes disposed of five in a single night. He was a man of remarkable strength and powers of endurance, and possessed famous courage. He made customary hunting trips every fall into the Blue Mountains with his trusty rifle and faithful dog. On his trail at different stages of his journeys he had places of deposit for supplies in hollow trees.

The Yoder Bible, dated 1530, was printed during the lifetime of Martin Luther. It was held continuously by the family until as late as 1860, and is now the property of Mary B. Yoder, daughter of David, son of Daniel. It is well preserved, though unfortunately the lid and date are torn away. This priceless treasure of their faith from the Fatherland was "as a lamp unto their feet" in their flight to America. The Yoders of Berks extended into New York and the West. In the list of representatives in the Fiftieth United States Congress was S. S. Yoder, of Lima, Ohio.

Hans (or Hance) Yoder, the emigrant brother of Yost, was the builder and owner of what is now known as Griesemer's mills (burned in 1847, and rebuilt the same year). This property in the early days was the homestead of the Yoders of Oley. The survey of the plantation under proprietary warrant to Hance Yoder was returned March 25, 1714. At that time Oley township was





the haunt of Indians, and of wolves, bear and other wild game. The wives of the German settlers also bore their part in the subjugation of the wilderness. One day while at work, extending their clearing in the forest, they having shut their children in the cabin as a protection from the beasts which roamed over their land, they were suddenly aroused by the report of a rifle in the direction of their cabin. As it was not unusual for predatory bands of bloodthirsty Iroquois from the north to roam over the country they hastened in the direction of the shot to see their cabin surrounded by a party of drunken savages, who having been refused admittance by the terrified children within retaliated by firing through the closed door. Mr. Yoder at once made an attack with a singletree, and soon put them to flight with threats of revenge. Returning with increased numbers they demanded satisfaction, but Mr. Yoder's coolness won him friends among them who forced the others to desist. Hans (Hance) Yoder was the father of four sons: Hans (2), Samuel, Peter and Daniel. The last named, born in 1718, died Aug. 21, 1749, aged thirty-one years, eight months, and was buried in the cemetery at Pleasantville.

Anthony Yoder, great-grandfather of Webster H. Yoder, lived in the Mahantango Valley in Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. His wife was Sarah Howerter, and they are buried at the Howerter church in that valley. They had children as follows: Polly died unmarried; Elizabeth married George Moyer; Judith married Samuel Neiswender; Susan married Daniel Wetzel; Eva married Daniel Stitzer; Kate married Henry Hoffman; Sybilla married Jacob Zimmerman; Sarah married Jonas Coppenhafer; Peter is mentioned below; Harrison and Reuben died in Schuylkill county.

Peter Yoder, son of Anthony, was born in 1827 and died May 16, 1868, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He lived in the Mahantango Valley for many years, and was a stonemason by occupation. He married Harriet Klock, who after his death became the wife of Sebastian Zimmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman being now residents of Sunbury, this county. To Peter and Harriet (Klock) Yoder were born these children: Mary E. died young; Lewis K. is mentioned below; Emma married Joel Hepler, who is deceased; Julia married (first) Benjamin Fertig and (second) John Singmeister; Christiana married George Bennett; William H. died young; Peter is living at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Lewis K. Yoder, father of Webster H. Yoder, was born Feb. 28, 1856, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, near the Northumberland county line. When a young man he learned shoemaking, and has followed that trade principally

throughout his active years, except for a few years when he worked in the mines. In 1884 he made his home in Mount Carmel, where he has since resided. He married Sarah Herb, daughter of William and Catharine (Kehler) Herb, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Webster H. is mentioned below; Elmer, born Oct. 7, 1879, lives in Mount Carmel; Frank, born Nov. 21, 1881, lives in Pottsville; Alice, born Sept. 22, 1888, is now clerking for her brother Webster; Jennie, twin of Alice, is engaged as a teacher in Mount Carmel; Helen, born Jan. 12, 1897, is attending school.

Webster Herb Yoder was a mere boy when his parents settled in Mount Carmel, so that he has practically been a resident of that place all his life. He attended the local public schools and when eleven years old began work as a slate picker, working as such for two years. He then entered the employ of Daniel D. Bolich, with whom he continued for ten and a half years, learning the shoe business thoroughly. For a short time afterward he was in the service of Gimbel Brothers, at Philadelphia, on Dec. 30, 1902, embarking in business in Mount Carmel on his own account. He has been at the same location, No. 22 South Oak street, ever since, and has built up a large business as a shoe dealer, making a specialty of the Crossett shoe for men, the LaFrance for ladies, and the Educator shoe, "for the whole family." Mr. Yoder keeps up with the times in the changes which occur in his line of business, and is ever ready to adopt new styles and new methods which promise satisfaction to his customers, who by long continued patronage show their appreciation of his efforts. He is secretary of the Retail Merchants' Protective Association of Mount Carmel, and holds the respect of his fellow citizens of all classes who have had dealings of any kind with him.

On Oct. 6, 1906, Mr. Yoder married Isabella Anderson, daughter of George D. Anderson. He is an active member of the Church of God, of which he is a trustee, and he has been county secretary of the Northumberland County Sunday School Association for the past six years. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F. (of which he is a past grand), of Camp No. 231, P. O. S. of A., and of the Modern Woodmen Camp No. 8207. In political sentiment he is a Republican, but his activity does not go beyond the casting of his ballot.

HENRY A. WOLF, a farmer of Jordan township, Northumberland county, has passed all his life there. He was born in that township in June, 1853, son of Henry Wolf, and belongs to a family which was settled there in 1778, when Upper Mahanoy township was formed from Mahanoy, which formerly included all the territory in Northumberland county south of Line Mountain.



Jonathan Wolf, the first of this line of whom we have record, was a taxable of this district at the time of the separation, in 1778.

Anthony (Andoni) Wolf, son of Jonathan, was born Nov. 16, 1768, and was one of the early settlers in Jackson township, living where Michael later resided. This homestead farm is near Peifers Evangelical meeting house, and is now owned by Isaac Wolf, son of Michael. Anthony Wolf died March 29, 1852, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy.

Michael Wolf (nephew of Anthony) was born Dec. 9, 1801, and died March 1, 1862. He was a farmer, owning the property which now belongs to his son Isaac. His wife, Mary M., born Feb. 21, 1795, died Feb. 7, 1882. They are buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. Their children were: Isaac, who is now (1910) one of the oldest residents of Jackson township; Samuel, born Nov. 18, 1830, who died May 10, 1902 (his wife Sarah, born July 6, 1841, died Jan. 20, 1885); Sophia; and Catharine, who married Jacob Hepner.

George Wolf, son of Anthony, was born in the lower end of Northumberland county, and made his home in Jordan township, where Edward Schlegel now lives. The buildings which stood on the property in his time have, however, all been destroyed. He was a wool hat maker by trade. He died from the effects of a cold which he contracted after having a tooth extracted. To him and his wife, Esther (DeTurck), were born the following children: Catharine, who married Jacob Merkel and lived in the Mahantango Valley; Hettie, who married Daniel Weaver and lived in Juniata county, Pa.; Jeremiah, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township; Henry; and George, a farmer of Jordan township, whose children were Luzetta, Alice, Amos D. (1860-1892), George, Nathaniel, Henry, Morris, Minerva, Kate and William. Mrs. Esther (DeTurck) Wolf was a lineal descendant of Isaac DeTurck, a French Huguenot, who came to New York about 1709-10 and in 1712 became the first settler in what is now Oley township, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Henry Wolf, son of George, was born in Jordan township Oct. 21, 1823, and died March 19, 1896. By trade he was a stonemason. For a number of years he lived with his son Henry A. His wife, Rebecca (Adam), was born in 1826, daughter of John Adam (whose wife's maiden name was Herb), and died in 1907, aged eighty-one years, six months, twenty-two days. They are buried in Urban at St. Paul's Church, to which both belonged, Mr. Wolf being a Lutheran and his wife a Reformed member of that church. He served as elder for a number of years. Twelve children were born to this couple: Hettie, who died young; John and William, twins, the former of whom is associated with his brother Henry in farming, Henry A. having a two-thirds interest, John a

one-third interest, in the properties; Henry A.; Lydiann; Daniel, who lives on the tract belonging to his brother Henry (he married Emma Leffler and has two sons, Edwin and John); Elias; Rebecca Mary; and four who died young.

Henry A. Wolf attended the pay schools conducted in the home district during his boyhood and later the free schools, and he was reared to farm life. When eighteen years old he began farming for himself, having had unusual training of the most practical kind. He was only eleven when hired by his uncle, Gabriel Adams, for whom he continued to work until he was eighteen. He farmed the property of his uncle Gabriel for twelve years, and meantime also burned and hauled lime. In the spring of 1884 he came to his present place, a farm of 136 acres in Stone Valley, in Jordan township, formerly known as the Isaac Wentzel farm, and there he has since lived and worked, following general farming with steady success. He has prospered, and acquired other property, owning a tract of thirty acres, also in Jordan township, which was formerly the farm of Henry Witmer, and a third piece, of forty acres, which was the John Wentzel home. All of his tracts are limestone soil and very productive under his management, which is thoroughly up to date. Mr. Wolf is a hard worker and deserves the success which has attended his efforts, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of his locality. He has served as supervisor, and is at present one of the auditors of his township. He has also been an active member of the Reformed congregation at St. Paul's Church, Urban, to which his family also belong. Mr. Wolf is now serving as elder of the church, and is also one of the trustees. Though he has never had any instruction in music he plays very well, and for twenty-three years he served as organist of his church, his daughter Mrs. Baum succeeding him. In politics, like all of his family, Mr. Wolf is a Republican.

In 1884 Mr. Wolf married Emma Dubbendorf, daughter of William and Julianna (Wiest) Dubbendorf, and they have had five children, one of whom is deceased. The survivors are: Mary F., wife of Edwin Baum, who has one child, Charles Edward; William Oscar, who married Beulah Brosus May 30, 1909, and has one child, Melvin Stanley; Harvey E., who married May Schlegel Jan. 1, 1910, and has one child, Nevin Lee; and Nora S.

JOHN P. CARPENTER, present solicitor for the municipality of Sunbury, and formerly justice of the peace of that borough, is an attorney who has risen steadily in his profession since he commenced practice, in 1893. He has been a hard worker, zealous in the discharge of his public duties and successful in the conduct of his private cases. Mr. Carpenter is a native of Snyder coun-





ty, Pa., born Oct. 18, 1867, at Beavertown, son of Alvin M. Carpenter and grandson of Giles Carpenter.

Giles Carpenter was a native of Germany and was one of three brothers who emigrated to America. He was a wheelwright and miller by occupation, and for a number of years conducted a mill at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he reared his family. He married Jane E. McClintick, who was born and brought up in Mifflin county, Pa., and they became the parents of thirteen children, only four of whom survive, namely: Amanda (deceased), Martha (deceased), Margaret (wife of Philip Lash; they live in Michigan), James (deceased), Belinda (wife of Amos E. Sellers and living in Lancaster, Pa.), Hiram (who died young), Sylvester (deceased), Arabella (deceased), Cincanna (who died young), Louisa (who died young), Alvin M., Samuel L. (of Lancaster, Pa.), and one that died young. Two of the children died of scarlet fever while the family lived at Ephrata.

Alvin M. Carpenter, son of Giles, was born Aug. 21, 1841, in Lancaster county, Pa., and was reared principally on the farm. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, which he continued to follow for fifteen years, meantime locating in Adamsburg, Snyder county. He then began farming in that county, being thus engaged in Beaver township for a period of thirty years, and in connection with agricultural work he follows huckstering, buying and selling produce, in which line he has established a profitable trade. Occasionally he does carpenter work and painting, being an excellent mechanic and an all-around thrifty man. For eighteen years Mr. Carpenter taught singing classes, and in that connection is widely known to young and old in his locality.

On July 29, 1866, Mr. Carpenter married Ellen Feese, daughter of Reuben and Eliza (Middlewerth) Feese, of Beavertown, Pa., and they have had a family of eight children: John P. is mentioned fully below; Gertie May is deceased; Charles E. lives in West Virginia; Rev. Sanford is a well known minister of the Evangelical Lutheran denomination, at present located at Carthage, Ill.; Elsie married George C. Walker, and they are farming people at Beavertown; Harry M. is deceased; Ira J., of Sunbury, is engaged in rail-roading; Bessie E. is the wife of Roy E. Eisenhower, of Sunbury. Mr. Carpenter and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he has long been a prominent worker, having served as elder and trustee, and for a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

John P. Carpenter received his early education in the public schools, later attending the

State normal school at Bloomsburg and Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, from which latter institution he was graduated in the class of 1891. During the next two years he taught school in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, meanwhile reading law in the office of C. B. Witmer. In fact, he gained most of his advanced education while supporting himself by teaching, having taught a number of terms before his graduation from the university, two in Loyer Mahanoy township, this county. In 1893 he was admitted to practice before the Northumberland county bar, and he is now qualified to practice before the Supreme court (to which he was admitted in 1898), the Superior court (since 1909) and the Superior and Circuit courts of the United States. His public honors came to him unusually early in his practice. In 1899 he became justice of the peace for the borough of Sunbury, continuing to hold that office for two successive terms, until 1909, and he is the present solicitor for the borough of Sunbury, having held that position since 1907; in March, 1911, he was reelected to succeed himself for another term of three years. In that capacity he defended the borough in the case of Cake versus the borough of Sunbury, in which a new principle of law was involved, and had the case decided in favor of the borough. His professional work is above reproach, and his patronage comes from a substantial class of clients, whose confidence is a gratifying recognition of ability.

From young manhood Mr. Carpenter has been an active member of the Republican party, in whose councils he is quite influential. He was a delegate to the district convention that nominated Dr. E. W. Samuel, of Mount Carmel, for Congress.

In 1894 Mr. Carpenter married Hannah Minerva Witmer, daughter of Isaac L. Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Anna Ellen and Alvin Witmer. The family are active in church work in affiliation with Zion's Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Carpenter holds membership; he has been a member of the church choir since 1891. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 167, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and of Col. James Cameron Camp, Sons of Veterans, also of Sunbury.

DAVID J. JONES, who is engaged in business at Shamokin, Northumberland county, as a coal dealer and contractor, has lived in the borough from boyhood and has made his own way to a substantial and respected position in the community. He is one of the foremost contractors of this section, where much of his work is in evidence.

Mr. Jones was born Jan. 25, 1871, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and is of Welsh descent, his grandfather, a native of Wales, having brought his





family to America and settled near Danville. He was employed in the ore mines, and died at Danville, where he is buried.

John T. Jones, father of David J. Jones, was born in Wales in 1833 and was fourteen years old when he came with his father to this country. He learned shoemaking, and in time became a shoe merchant at Danville, where he was a leading business man for a number of years. At the time of the construction of the Reading railroad he made the shoes for the men employed in that work. He died at Danville March 28, 1874, at the comparatively early age of forty-one years. Mr. Jones married Elizabeth J. Williams, daughter of Thomas R. Williams, and she died Feb. 4, 1886, the mother of nine children, viz.: The first three died young; Sarah is deceased; Margaret married (first) William Humphrey and (second) Hugh Wier; May married (first) Harry Young and (second) H. P. Ridel; David J. is mentioned below; Elizabeth is the wife of John Tasker, of Shamokin, Pa.; John is deceased.

David J. Jones was eight years old when he came to Shamokin, and when he was nine he commenced work as a slate picker at the Sterling colliery. Later he was employed by Cruikshank & Emes for a time and after that by Thomas Baumgardner at the Enterprise colliery, as door tender, remaining at the latter works until he reached the age of twenty years. He then spent a year at the Cameron colliery. In September, 1893, he turned to teaming, on his own account, and soon was interested in contracting, which he has since followed, having now one of the most extensive contracting businesses in Shamokin. His combination of interests has proved very profitable, the various branches of work he carries on giving constant employment to his men and teams. His interests now include, besides coal dealing and contracting, moving (for which he has a large dray) and excavation work of all kinds. He did the excavation work for the building of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company. His business is located at No. 132 East Arch street. The fact that he constructed five and a quarter miles of the State road from Shamokin to Paxinos gives some idea of the magnitude of his undertakings. He has the confidence of a wide circle of patrons and is considered a reliable and intelligent citizen, being well known among the solid business men of the borough. Many dwellings there are of his construction.

On Dec. 26, 1892, Mr. Jones married Bessie Maude Keiser, daughter of Reuben Keiser, and they have had the following children: David (deceased), Sarah, George, May, Maude, Paul, John (deceased) and Fred. The family home is at No. 132 East Arch street. Mr. Jones is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, in which he has been an enthusiastic worker, having served four-

teen years as deacon, the same length of time as trustee, sixteen years as leader of the choir, and nineteen years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican in politics and socially a member of Garfield Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Henry Keiser, great-grandfather of Mrs. David J. Jones, was of German origin and was born June 25, 1784. He moved from Berks county, Pa., to Union county, and thence to Northumberland county, finally settling in the Irish Valley, where he engaged in farming to the end of his days. He died Nov. 13, 1864, and his wife, who was born Aug. 5, 1781, died Oct. 11, 1852.

Henry Keiser, son of Henry, was born in 1811 and passed all his life in Northumberland county, dying in 1873. He settled in Shamokin, where he carried on a general mercantile business. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. He and his wife, Catherine (Reaker), had a family of six children.

Reuben Keiser, son of Henry and Catherine (Reaker) Keiser, was born in Shamokin May 15, 1852, and is now living there in retirement. He was long employed as a clerk in his brother's store, following this work about twenty-eight years. He married Sarah Hornberger, daughter of John Hornberger, of Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and a family of ten children was born to this union, namely: Harry, Bessie Maude (Mrs. Jones), John, Reuben, G. Bert, Helen, Hazel, Winfield, Jacob and Frank.

JOHN PHILLIPS, a prosperous farmer of the Plum Creek district in Rockefeller township, was born June 26, 1868, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Jacob Phillips.

This Phillips family is of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, the progenitors of the line in this country having settled in that part of Bern township, Berks county, now embraced in Center township, that county. From this locality came several of the name to Northumberland county, settling in Mahanoy township. Mr. John Phillips traces his descent from the early Berks county settlers through two lines, his father's mother, Susanna (Phillips), having been a daughter of Georg Phillips, the first of his line to come to this country. He was born in Berks county March 24, 1774, and died April 8, 1852. His wife, Sarah (Fuchs), died Sept. 25, 1836, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. They are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: John; Heinrich (born Jan. 9, 1803, died Oct. 23, 1853); Maricha, who married Peter Brosius; Elizabeth, who married Peter Witmer; Catharine (born April 9, 1805, died Sept. 30, 1889), who married Michael Witmer (born March 29, 1804, died Jan. 28, 1842); Sally, who married Heinrich Fox; Chris-



tine, who died unmarried; and Susanna, who married Jacob Phillips.

Solomon Phillips, the progenitor of the family in America, came to this country in the ship "Phoenix," Capt. John Mason, which arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28, 1750, he being the only Phillips among the 339 passengers. He settled in Bern (now Center) township, where many of the name now reside, and lived to advanced years, as did his son Michael. He reared a large family, two of his sons being Michael and Heinrich. Michael's son, John H., attained the age of 105 years, and the latter's son Jacob lived to be ninety-two years old.

Heinrich Phillips resided near Belleman's Church, where he and his wife Esther (Mogel) lie buried. They reared children as follows: Peter, Jacob, John, Samuel, John Adam and several daughters.

Jacob Phillips, father of Jacob Phillips and grandfather of John Phillips, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county when eighteen years old. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where he found work among farmers, one of whom was Georg Phillips, whose daughter Susanna he afterward married. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained a number of years, moving thence to a farm he purchased in Jordan township, the property now owned by his son Elias. He cultivated this place for several years, later purchasing the George Phillips farm in Lower Mahanoy, to which he moved, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred there April 20, 1862, when he was fifty-four years, ten months, four days old. So well had he prospered by steady industry that at the time of his death he owned the two farms mentioned and one in Snyder county, and had several thousand dollars in money. He and his wife Susanna, who died Aug. 16, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, eight months, twelve days, are buried at the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, viz.: Isaac, Elias, Benjamin, John, William, George, Jacob, Sarah (who died May 15, 1895, aged fifty-eight years, nine months, six days, married William Schaffer, who died May 6, 1895, aged fifty-nine years, one month, twenty-four days), Ann (married Samuel Spotts), Catharine (married Isaac Spotts, brother of Samuel, who married her sister), Malinda (married Isaac Trego), Susanna (married Emanuel Boyer), Lizzie (married Frank Dreihelbis) and Emma J. (died young).

Jacob Phillips, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township and there has spent the greater part of his life. In about 1874-75 he lived at Richfield, on the border of Snyder county, returning to his native township, where he farmed throughout his active years. He still owns a farm in that

township which he has rented to his son Monroe. In 1908 he retired from hard work and has since made his home at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Phillips has served as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, at Stone Valley, which he has served as member of the church council. He married Hettie Leister, daughter of John Leister, late of Lower Mahanoy township. They have had five children: Frank, who lives in Lower Mahanoy; John; George, of Philadelphia; Charles, of Sunbury; and Monroe, of Lower Mahanoy.

John Phillips was reared on the farm and worked for his parents until twenty years old. He then moved to Upper Augusta township, where he farmed for about twelve years, in 1902 purchasing his present farm, in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the old Philip Weiser place. It contains 121 acres of the best land in the valley, and has been highly improved, Mr. Phillips himself having made many changes which have materially increased its value. In 1909 he built the residence, and the two wagon sheds and silos, etc., are also of his construction. In addition to general farming he specializes in dairying, keeping on an average twenty-five milch cows and having always from ten to fifteen young cattle. His milk team goes to Sunbury daily. Everything about his property indicates progress and intelligent management, good judgment and the best of care, and the returns have amply repaid him for all his trouble. Mr. Phillips is a public-spirited citizen, willing to assume his share of the duties of government, and is at present serving as overseer of the poor. He is a Democrat in politics.

On March 24, 1887, Mr. Phillips married Lizzie Bordner, daughter of George and Susanna (Phillips) Bordner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and seven children have been born to them, as follows: Julius Augustus, Mary M., Maude E., Charles N. (Boyd), John E., Lottie I. and Verna. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN U. HOPEWELL (deceased) was a farmer of Point township, Northumberland county, during thirty years of his active life, and his son, the late John C. Hopewell, was a native of that township, where he passed all his life. This family is descended from John Hopewell, a native of New Jersey, who came thence to Pennsylvania, settling in Northumberland county.

James Hopewell, son of John, was born in New Jersey in 1797 and came to Northumberland county with his parents, spending the remainder of his life in this region. For many years he was a clerk in Cowden's store, at Northumberland borough, where he died Jan. 29, 1839. His wife,





Elizabeth Ulp, was born in December, 1800, and died July 18, 1850. They made their home at Northumberland. Their children were as follows: Mary E., born in 1823, married Daniel Voris, and died in 1848; Elsie, born in 1825, married Capt. William Gray, and died in 1847; Rebecca B., born in 1827, married Hiram Young, and died in 1850; John U. is mentioned below; James H., born in 1834, died in 1896 (his family live at Scranton, Pennsylvania).

John U. Hopewell was born Dec. 4, 1829, at Northumberland, at the corner of Market and Third streets. He followed various occupations. For some years he was engaged as a boatman, later carried on the coal business, was engaged in butchering for a time, and for thirty years followed farming in Point township, where he owned over two hundred acres of land. He was not only successful in the management of his own affairs but took an interest in the direction of public matters in the locality, serving as supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor. An all-around useful citizen, he was respected throughout the community, and was a pillar of the Methodist Church, of which he was an active member and for some years an exhorter. In politics he was a Republican. He died Nov. 11, 1908.

On May 25, 1854, Mr. Hopewell married Sarah C. Young, who was born Dec. 7, 1834, and who survives him. Thirteen children were born to their union, as follows: Mary E., born in 1855, married James Smith; Rebecca, born in 1857, married John P. Mertz; Margaret G., born in 1858, married John F. Hummel; Sarah H. J., born in 1860, married Michael E. Sanders; Eliza J., born in 1861, married William Botts, and died in 1910; William Y., born in 1863, married Margaret London, and died in 1897; John C., born in 1866, is mentioned below; James H., born in 1868, married Harriet Yoxthimer; Hiram B., born in 1870, married Hannah P. Renner; Robert V. G., born in 1872, married Jennie Sampsel; Minnie R., born in 1873, married Charles O. Heintzelman; Bessie M., born in 1876, married George C. Schaffer; Ella C., born in 1878, died in 1881.

John C. Young, father of Mrs. Sarah C. (Young) Hopewell, was born Aug. 5, 1789, and died Oct. 11, 1845. His wife, Margaret C. (Phillips) Young, born April 5, 1802, died Sept. 11, 1878. They were farming people, and lived in Union county, but both are buried in the River-view cemetery, at Northumberland. Their children were born as follows: Philip, Nov. 25, 1820; George, Oct. 19, 1822; Hiram, Dec. 6, 1824; John, June 14, 1827; David, Oct. 30, 1830; Mary E., Oct. 10, 1832; Sarah C., Dec. 7, 1834; Rebecca, Oct. 16, 1836; Peter, Sept. 29, 1838; William, June 23, 1841; Eliza J., Dec. 3, 1844.

JOHN C. HOPEWELL, son of John U. Hopewell, was born Oct. 14, 1866, in Point township, and

spent his youth upon the farm, obtaining his education in the local public schools. When fourteen years old he went to learn the trade of nailer at the Johnson mills, and followed that calling for some time, but for three years he was in such poor health that he was able to do little manual labor. After that he bought a coal digger, and for the three years before his death was engaged in digging coal, finding this business quite profitable. Mr. Hopewell died Sept. 20, 1909, and is buried in Riverview cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Methodist Church, in which he was quite active, serving as steward. His family also belong to that church.

On Feb. 12, 1888, Mr. Hopewell married Catharine E. Miller, daughter of Joseph E. and Catharine (Herr) Miller, and two children were born to them: Catharine G. is a milliner and dressmaker, assisting her mother, who is engaged in dressmaking; and Beatrice E. is attending school.

JOSEPH E. MILLER, father of Mrs. Hopewell, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Sept. 5, 1840, and his family is an old and honored one in that county. Henry Miller, his grandfather, was one of three brothers who settled near Salunga about the time of the Revolution. He was a large land owner, a successful farmer, and a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He lived to be nearly seventy years old, and always enjoyed the confidence and respect of the entire community. He married a Miss Sherk, whose father was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of the Chickies, near Salunga, where he preëmpted and patented several large tracts of land and built two mills upon the stream named. One of these is still known as the Sherk mill, the other as the Garber mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller six children were born. The eldest, John Miller, was the father of Joseph E. Miller. He was born Oct. 15, 1797, and died Sept. 23, 1850, a farmer and a man of influence. He was long a member of the school board, and served for many years as supervisor. He was a Whig in politics, and, like his father, a Mennonite in religious faith. On March 22, 1825, he married Elizabeth Erb, who was born Nov. 9, 1804, and died Aug. 29, 1863. They had a family of eleven children: Emanuel, born Jan. 11, 1826, died in infancy; Daniel, born May 22, 1827, died Oct. 23, 1895, at Elizabethtown, Pa., where he had been first a farmer and then for many years an innkeeper; Susanna, born Feb. 19, 1829, married David Weaver, of Manheim; Henry E. died at Lititz, Lancaster county, where he was a very prominent citizen; John E., born Aug. 22, 1823, learned the trade of a tailor and is engaged as a cutter at Portsmouth, Ohio; Andrew, born April 8, 1836, died when one month old; Elizabeth, born April 29, 1837, died Feb. 16, 1839; Joseph E. is men-





tioned below; Reuben E., born Oct. 14, 1842, is a laborer at Salunga; Catharine, born Oct. 21, 1844, married Levi B. Zook, a farmer living near Lititz; Elizabeth, born Feb. 7, 1847, died Aug. 22, 1863.

Joseph E. Miller lived at Landisville and was a farmer in his native county until 1893, in which year he came with his family to Point township, Northumberland county. For nine years he farmed the Thomas Baungardner property of 220 acres there, at the end of that time returning to Lancaster county. He and his wife Catharine (Herr), daughter of Abraham Herr, now live near Columbia, Pa., engaged in farming. They have had children as follows: Mary married James Probst; Catharine E. married John C. Hopewell; Joseph G. is a resident of Columbia, Pa.; Harry G. lives with his parents; Frances A. (deceased) married Harry Beats; two children died young.

CHARLES C. LARK, a very successful practitioner at the Northumberland county bar, and a man of high ideals and sterling integrity, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., March 12, 1874, son of Emanuel S. Lark.

The Lark family is of Swiss origin. George Lark, great-grandfather of Charles C., was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and became a farmer there. He died at the age of twenty-nine years, and is buried at Buffington church in his native township. He married Elizabeth Enterline, who married (second) Captain Snyder, of Lykens township, Dauphin county. After the death of her second husband she made her home with her son George, and died there aged seventy-five years. To George and Elizabeth Lark were born four children: Amos and Elizabeth, who died young; John; and George, who settled at Berrysburg, as a merchant, and was the father of Leon, Elizabeth, Edward, William B., Mamie, Annie and Clara.

John Lark, son of George, was born on the old homestead in Mifflin township Feb. 7, 1826. He learned the stonemason's trade as a young man, but never followed it. He devoted his time to farming, and died in Salina, Saline Co., Kans., aged seventy-two years, and is buried there. He married Leah Shoop, daughter of Jacob Shoop, and they had two children: George, who died in infancy; and Emanuel S.

Emanuel S. Lark, son of John, was born in Mifflin township, on the same farm on which both his father and grandfather were born, Feb. 8, 1853. He attended the local schools, Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, Berrysburg Seminary and Millersburg Academy. He taught ten terms of school in Dauphin and Northumberland counties, and was very successful as an instructor. Turning his attention to farming on the old homestead, he remained there for three years, after

which he farmed for one year in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1880 he came to Shamokin, and found employment in the mines, where he remained about six years. The next five years he passed in a general hauling business, and the succeeding five years as conductor on a freight train for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. On Oct. 1, 1903, he assumed the duties of his present position, that of superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery, and his efficiency is well attested by the carefully kept condition of that beautiful city of the dead. His residence is at No. 53 Marshall street. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. Mr. Lark has been twice married. In 1873 he married Emeline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stine) Boyer, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., of French Huguenot ancestry, later settling in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Lark was born Oct. 21, 1847, and died April 9, 1895, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery. The children born of this union were: Charles C.; Carrie C., who died aged eighteen years; John B., a physician, located at Trevorton, Pa.; Leah B., still living with her father; H. Wilson and Thomas E., overall manufacturers at Shamokin, trading as Lark & Lark; and Edward H., a salesman for Lark & Lark. Emanuel S. Lark married (second) Nov. 12, 1908, Mrs. Margaret Umpleby, daughter of William and Susan Weitzel.

Charles C. Lark was but six years of age when his parents came to Shamokin. He was graduated from the Shamokin high school with honors in 1893, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching, for four years being principal of the Coal township schools. In 1894 he began the study of law in the office of John Quincy Adams, Esq., and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1898. During his preparation for his profession he engaged in teaching. In 1898 he formed a partnership with Frederick B. Moser, under the firm name of Lark & Moser, which was dissolved in October, 1906. Mr. Lark has also been admitted to practice before the Supreme and Superior courts of the State, and the United States District and Circuit courts. He has been employed in a large number of important cases tried in Northumberland and other counties since his admission to the bar, among which deserving special mention are *Bucher vs. Northumberland County*, and *Commonwealth vs. Angelo Mollignani*.

The former of these cases involved the liability of the county for alleged negligence on the part of the county commissioners in failing to keep in good condition the sidewalks in the public street adjoining the courthouse at Sunbury. In the de-



fense of the county he contended that there was no liability; and even though owners have been held responsible for their negligence in not properly maintaining the sidewalks abutting on their properties under similar circumstances, Mr. Lark was successful in convincing the Supreme court of Pennsylvania that the county is a quasi municipal corporation, a political subdivision and the agent of the State in the erection and maintenance of the courthouse and its appurtenances, and the State not being liable, its agent, the county, cannot be either. This case at the time attracted wide attention and was commented upon editorially by the large metropolitan newspapers; it was the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

The case against Molignani was one in which the defendant was charged with murder. On the fifth day after the commission of the crime the trial was begun, and it was very generally predicted that the defendant would have to answer with his life. The jury, after having deliberated for five full days, decided that the defendant was not guilty of first degree murder. Mr. Lark's address to the jury in behalf of Molignani is said to have been one of the most logical and finest oratorical efforts heard in the local courts in years. He is regarded as a resourceful lawyer, and as an eloquent pleader before a jury. He is faithful to the trust his clients repose in him, and is honorable in his dealings. In 1903-05 he held the office of county solicitor.

Mr. Lark has been active in politics, has frequently appeared as a delegate in Republican county conventions, and in 1901 was a delegate to the State convention.

Mr. Lark is a member of St. John's Reformed Church and was, for a number of years, a member of its consistory and superintendent of its Sunday school. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; and Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, at Bloomsburg. He also belongs to James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 1061, I. O. O. F.; Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A.; the Royal Arcanum; and Independence Fire Company. He is a member of the Temple Club.

In the spring of 1910 Mr. Lark began organizing the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company, with a capital of \$125,000, and a surplus of \$125,000. He was successful in his efforts and on May 16, 1910, this institution was opened for business, and on April 1, 1911, moved into its handsome five-story, fireproof building at the corner of Independence and Market streets, Shamokin. In its directorate are some of the best and most substantial business men of Shamokin. The building occupied by this institution is without doubt the finest in Pennsylvania outside of the large cities. Ever since its opening day the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company has been gradually grow-

ing, and, although the youngest financial institution of Shamokin, it enjoys the unqualified confidence of its patrons. Mr. Lark is a director and solicitor for this institution. He is also a director and solicitor for the Central Building & Loan Association of Shamokin, as well as a number of other corporations.

On Nov. 5, 1896, Mr. Lark was married to Lucy Cornelia Hamilton, daughter of the late Maj. E. C. Hamilton, of Shamokin, and they have three children, Cornelia E., Leah H. and Miriam R.

**HAUPT.** The Haupt family, which now has a number of representatives in Shamokin, was founded in this country by Conrad Haupt, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who settled in Berks county, Pa. He had five sons: Conrad, who settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Daniel, who settled in Bellefonte, Center county; Samuel, who settled in Schuylkill county; John, who settled in the western part of the State; and Henry, the ancestor of the Haupt family here under consideration.

Henry Haupt, son of Conrad, the emigrant ancestor, was born toward the close of the eighteenth century. He came from Berks county to Northumberland when a young man and was a pioneer in the Mahanoy valley, settling in Coal (now Cameron) township; he had about four hundred acres of land in the valley. He served five years in the Revolutionary war and after its close was engaged in fighting the Indians for two years; he was a private in Capt. Michael Hoelman's company, Chester county militia, in 1781 [page 858, Vol. V, 5th Series, Pennsylvania Archives]. At one time during the war he had nothing to eat for three days but a chicken hawk and a rattlesnake. He died about 1847. He was a Democrat in politics and quite active in the affairs of his locality, filling a number of minor township offices; in religious belief he was a Lutheran. His children were: Jacob, who died in the Mahanoy Valley; Benjamin, who died in the Mahanoy Valley; John; George, who died in Lower Augusta; Susanna, Mrs. George Kreamer; Annie, Mrs. Samuel Derr; Mary, Mrs. Henry Klock; Mrs. Daniel Kreamer, of Schuylkill county; Sarah, Mrs. George Derk; and Hetty, Mrs. Gideon Derk.

John Haupt, son of Henry, was born April 26, 1808, in Cameron township, and grew up on the homestead. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed in connection with farming, and was a substantial citizen of his day. He held various township offices, and was identified with the Democratic party in politics and in religion with the Lutheran Church, of which he was an active member and liberal supporter, and in which he held the office of elder. He died in November, 1873, and is buried at the White church near





Gowen City. Mr. Haupt married Catherine Maurer, like himself a native of Cameron township, and a daughter of Philip Maurer, and she survived him, making her home with her son John. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haupt: Sarah, Mrs. William Yoder, living in Jefferson county, Pa.; Catherine, who lives in Philadelphia; Mary, who married Washington Smink and (second) John Bohner; Benjamin; Annie, Mrs. Jared Hovetter; Philip, a resident of Cameron township; John, of Cameron township; and William, of Shamokin.

Benjamin Haupt, son of John, was born Jan. 15, 1841, in Cameron township, and was reared upon the farm settled by his grandfather, remaining there until he entered the government service during the Civil war. He was drafted in 1862 and assigned to the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, serving nine months. After his army service he engaged in mining, which he followed for seventeen years, in 1880 engaging in the butcher business in the borough of Shamokin. He removed from his first stand after several years to the place where he was located many years, then located two doors below, buying out Joseph Reitz, and in 1893 came to the corner of Market and Mulberry streets. He died Oct. 6, 1902. He was a much respected citizen of Shamokin, where he served as a member of the borough council, and was also quite active in church work, being a trustee of the Evangelical Church at Shamokin, in which he held membership. He was a Republican in political matters.

In 1863 Mr. Haupt married Catharine Henninger, daughter of Thomas Henninger, and five of the eight children born to this union survive, namely: Joseph H., Elizabeth (married George E. Long), Jennie (wife of N. E. Stepp), William T. and Harrison E. Augustus died in 1903. The mother of this family died in 1880, and in 1882 Mr. Haupt married Elizabeth Daniel, daughter of Elias Daniel, of Schuylkill county, Pa. One child was born to this union, Charles D.

JOSEPH H. HAUPT, son of Benjamin, was born May 14, 1866, at Bell's Tunnel, near Mount Carmel, this county, and came to Shamokin with his parents in childhood. He attended the public schools, and began work as a slate picker, being employed at the mines until he reached the age of eighteen. He has since followed the butcher business, and since February, 1904, has had a store of his own, at present conducting two establishments in Shamokin, one on Eighth street and one on Independence street. He has built up a lucrative trade, which is constantly on the increase, and his satisfactory service and sincere desire to please customers have had their reward in the long continued patronage of many who have dealt at his establishments. He is a very favorably known citizen of the borough, and though not

particularly active in local matters outside of business he is interested in the success of the Republican party and has served as delegate to county convention.

Mr. Haupt married Emma R. Williams, daughter of James Williams, of Shamokin, and they have one son, W. Earle, who is now a high school pupil. The family home is at No. 220 Sunbury street.

Some years ago Mr. Haupt had a remarkable escape. He and Judge L. S. Walter, of Mount Carmel, were passengers on the Lehigh Valley railroad train wrecked at Dunellen, N. J., Jan. 9, 1899, and though seventeen persons in the coach in which they rode were killed they were uninjured.

WILLIAM T. HAUPT, son of Benjamin, was born at Shamokin April 26, 1876, and there received his education in the public schools. He learned the butcher's trade with his father, but for some years during his early life was engaged at slate picking in the summer months, finding employment at the mines for a number of years. However, butchering has always been his principal occupation, and he was engaged with his father until 1902, in which year he and his brother, Harry E. Haupt, engaged in business on their own account. They occupy their father's old stand at No. 259 South Market street, Shamokin, a building which was erected in 1896. The Haupt homestead, next door, was erected in 1869. The firm, which is known as Haupt Brothers, does a thriving business, carrying both meats and groceries, and the trade is large and steadily increasing, thanks to the Haupts' commendable methods and judicious catering to the wants of their customers.

Mr. Haupt married Jennie Miser, daughter of Jonathan Miser, of Snyder county, Pa. They have no children. He is a Republican in politics, and socially holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, the K. of P., and the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks.

YOCUM. The Yocum family of Northumberland county to which Adonijah F. Yocum and George W. Yocum, cousins, belong was founded here by their grandfather, who was a member of the old Berks county (Pa.) family of Yocum or Yocom. The name has long been familiar to the inhabitants of that section of Pennsylvania, and the family is particularly prominent in the lower end of Berks county. The earlier generations were identified with Oley township, but Nicholas Yocom, who founded the family in Cumru township, settling there about the beginning of the last century, came from Douglassville.

Late in the seventeenth century a colony of Swedes settled at the Wissahickon, near Philadelphia. In 1701 a number of these Swedes, among whom were three "Yocom" brothers, settled along





the eastern bank of the Schuylkill, in the locality of Douglassville, Berks county. Surveys for land for these pioneers were made Oct. 21, 1701, and patents were issued between 1704 and 1705 for these lands. One J. Jonas "Jocum" (then "Yocomb," also spelled Yokham, Yocum and now Yocom), youngest of these brothers, had a patent granted him by the Penns for 350 acres in Amity township. On the eastern bank of the Schuylkill where the Douglassville bridge spans the river, is an historic stone house erected in 1716 by Mounce Jones. He was a son-in-law of J. Jonas Yocom, and was an executor, with Peter Yocom, of the will of J. Jonas Yocom. This document was made Aug. 8, 1757, and was witnessed by Mordecai, Thomas and Joseph Millard, Quaker people of Union township. The will was entered in Berks county courthouse for probate Dec. 27, 1760, and he left a large estate, equitably divided among the following children: Peter, who obtained one of the homesteads; Judith Mary; Margaret, and John. At the making of the will, the "beloved" wife of the ancestor was still living. The son John, who had died prior to the making of his aged father's will, left his widow Margaret and three sons, Jonas, Peter and John, the youngest child born after the father's death. The ancestor amply provided for his widowed daughter-in-law.

Moses Yocom, of Douglass township, a descendant of J. Jonas, made his will May 20, 1823; it was probated Feb. 28, 1824, and is recorded in Will Book D, page 449. His wife Susanna survived him. The executors of the will were Daniel Yocom and Jacob Fritz. His children were: Moses, John, Peter, George, Mary, Ann and Hannah.

The will of Maria Yocom, of Douglass township, probated in 1829, provides that each of the legatees of her will shall buy a large family Bible for each of their children. Her children were: Ann, who married Jonas Yocom; Rachel Ragsize, who had a daughter Mary; and Daniel Yocom. Daniel Yocom, son, and Jonas Yocom, son-in-law, were executors of the will.

John Yocom (son of John, and grandson of J. Jonas) was born in 1749 and died Oct. 14, 1823. He had a son Moses, born on the homestead in Amity township Oct. 11, 1786, who died Aug. 30, 1850. Moses Yocom was married to Susanna, a daughter of Jacob and Anna Weaver, who were the parents of Peter Weaver, who was the father of Col. Jeremiah Weaver. Susanna (Weaver) Yocom was born Aug. 18, 1791, and died May 19, 1872. Moses and Susanna Yocom had a son William, born Jan. 23, 1817. He married Mary B. Kline, a daughter of George Kline, and they had a son William B. Yocom, a prominent man of Amity township.

The grandfather of Adonijah F. and George W. Yocom was undoubtedly of this stock. Mov-

ing from Berks county after his marriage to Northumberland county, he settled in Shamokin township at the present location of Paxinos. He and his wife are interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station. Their children were: Alexander, Peter, Daniel, Michael, Mrs. Hettie Carr and Mrs. Boughner.

Alexander Yocom was born May 19, 1824, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and learned the miller's trade, which he followed for some time, in all about eighteen years, first at Klinesgrove, later at Powers' mill and subsequently at Roaring Creek. He then bought the Adam Gilger farm of 109 acres, in what is now Ralpho township, now owned by his son George W., and at that place devoted himself to farming until his death, which occurred March 24, 1893. He is buried at the Methodist church at Bear Gap, in which church he held membership and served as deacon. To him and his wife Martha Jane (Lot) were born children as follows: Mary J., who is deceased; Anna E., wife of William Fisher; Clara B., wife of John Unger; Sarah E., wife of William F. Adams; and George W.

GEORGE W. YOCUM, son of Alexander, is a well known farmer of Ralpho township, born Feb. 22, 1864, at the place where he now resides. He obtained his schooling in the locality, and for a time after his school days were over was employed at the farm work with his father. Going to Shamokin, he was engaged in railroading three years and for one year he was clerk in the grocery of Amos Mengel, at Shamokin. Returning to farm work, he spent two years cultivating different farms and in 1891 located on the homestead, whereon he has since lived. He purchased the property in 1908. Many improvements have been made on the place during his occupancy. He is enterprising and thrifty, attends the Shamokin markets, and conducts his work in a business-like manner. Mr. Yocom has taken an interest in the public administration and has served as overseer of the poor of Ralpho township. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, being a member of Blue Church.

In 1885 Mr. Yocom married Sallie A. Pensyl, and they have a family of five: Martha S., Edward B., S. Alexander, William C. and Caroline G.

George Pensyl, Mrs. Yocom's grandfather, married Mary Keller, and they had a large family: Solomon, Jacob, Jeremiah, George, Daniel, John, Henry, Leah, Polly, Hannah, Susanna and Elizabeth.

Solomon Pensyl, son of George, was a farmer and merchant and a well known man of his district, serving as tax collector and in other township offices. He died at Riverside May 24, 1904, and his widow, Caroline (Epler), is still living at that place. Their children were: Mary Ellen,



deceased, who was the wife of E. B. Vought; Sallie A., Mrs. Yocum; Harriet S., wife of John Clingman; and H. Willington, who died young.

Michael Yocum, brother of Alexander, above, was born at Paxinos, in Shamokin township, and followed farming all his life. He died at the Ridge, in Shamokin township, in 1845, and is interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station, in Ralpho township. His wife, Anna (Fahrensworth), died at the age of sixty-seven years, and is interred in the Baptist burial ground in Shamokin township. They had children: John lives in Trevorton, this county; Sarah J., widow of Michael Yarnold, lives at Sunbury; Susanna, widow of Hiram Dill, lives in Shamokin township; Adonijah F. is mentioned below; Francis died young.

ADONIJAH F. YOCUM, who is engaged in the teaming business at Shamokin, was born Jan. 1, 1844, in Shamokin township, and received his education in the public schools. He assisted his mother as soon as he was able, his father having died when he was an infant. During the Civil war he served nine months in the Union army, enlisting in Company C, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Subsequently he spent one year at Trevorton, in 1864 moving to Shamokin and locating at the place where he still resides, No. 28 South Shamokin street. For a period of twenty-four years he followed mining, and he then engaged in the hauling business, in which he has established quite a profitable patronage. He is a steady-going, reliable man, and has the respect of his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Yocum married Harriet Fegley, daughter of John Fegley. She died March 24, 1905, and is buried at Shamokin. The following children were born to this union: Hannah E., William and Bertha all died young; George C., who is a merchant and has other business interests at Shamokin, married Clara Haupt and (second) Anna Johns; Harry E., who is associated in the store with his brother George, married Gertrude Crason and their children are Marion, David, Harry and Edward; Benneville married Annie Isaacs, and died in 1910.

JOHN J. LAUGHLIN, express agent at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, until recently station agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company at that point, was born Dec. 28, 1862, in Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Lawrence Laughlin. The father was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young man, settling in Schuylkill county. He was a contractor at the mines and also did railroad contracting, and he met an accidental death at Ashland,

Schuylkill county, when only twenty-seven years old.

John J. Laughlin attended school at Ashland and there began work as a clerk in the employ of the railway company with which he is still connected, in 1879. He was the first agent at Ashland, whence he was transferred to Centralia, Columbia county, and thence to Girardville, Schuylkill county. He was also at Lost Creek, Schuylkill county, for a time before receiving his position as station agent at Mount Carmel, in the fall of 1898. This is an important station, and nine clerks are engaged here. The first railroad opened to Mount Carmel was the old Northern Central, in 1854, and the next was the Lehigh Valley, in 1866. The present Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania station at that point was constructed in 1907. Mount Carmel is a great shipping point, and there has been a steady increase of business which greatly enhanced its consequence during Mr. Laughlin's incumbency of the position. He proved a competent and resourceful man in the place, possessing good judgment in the transaction of the business of the station, and gained and held the respect of his fellow citizens in his adopted place.

On Nov. 1, 1910, he resigned as joint agent to accept the agency of the Adams and Southern Express Companies at Mount Carmel. While living in Columbia county, Pa., Mr. Laughlin was elected justice of the peace for two terms, on the People's ticket.

On Sept. 16, 1890, Mr. Laughlin married Catharine Flanagan, daughter of Peter Flanagan, a merchant of Ashland, Pa., and they are the parents of six children, namely: Howard, Mary, Margaret, Nellie, Lawrence and John.

Mr. Laughlin is a Catholic in religious faith and is a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus, having been the first grand knight of the Mount Carmel organization. He is also a member of the local lodge of Elks.

PROF. WILLIAM MENDON KLECKNER, an educator of several years' standing in Sunbury, founder and principal of the Sunbury Commercial College and in charge of the commercial department of the Sunbury high school, has made a high reputation in his special field and has become widely known in the pursuit of his chosen calling.

Taylor Kleckner, his father, was a native of New Berlin, Pa., born in 1848, and died May 29, 1904, in Lewisburg, Union county, aged sixty-six years. In his earlier life he followed farming, later becoming a salesman for the Champion Reaper Company, for whom he traveled twenty-four years, his territory covering Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties. He was a Lutheran and an active church member, serving some years as deacon of the Dreisbach Church. Politi-





cally he was a Republican. He married Angeline Spotts, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Derr) Spotts, and two children were born to them: William Mendon and a daughter, the latter dying in infancy.

William Mendon Kleckner was born Nov. 9, 1872, at Vicksburg, Union Co., Pa., and obtained his early education in the public schools of that locality. Later he became a student at Bucknell University, after which he entered the Williamsport Commercial College, at Williamsport, Pa., from which latter institution he was graduated in 1900. Receiving a license to teach public school, he took charge of the commercial department of the Sunbury high school in 1902, and has since continued to fill that responsible position. The department has attained a high standard of efficiency under his management, and the importance of his work, together with the able manner in which he has handled it, has gained him many admirers among pupils and patrons. In 1902 he founded the Sunbury Commercial College, located on Fairmount avenue, which has had a continued career of prosperity, the average attendance being one hundred students. Professor Kleckner is a conscientious, untiring worker, devoted to his calling and sparing neither time nor pains in his efforts to bring the best in his pupils to the surface, and his success has been marked.

On Aug. 6, 1905, Professor Kleckner married Ida Mussina, daughter of Henry B. and Eve (Hoover) Mussina, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county. They worship at the Methodist Church, and socially he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

**LONG.** The Longs of Northumberland county, descendants of George Long, have been represented principally in the prosperous agricultural class, but at present one member of the family, Peter D. Long, is a well known shoe merchant of Sunbury, where his uncle, Benjamin C. Long, is now living in retirement after a long and active life as a farmer. David D. Long, brother of Peter D. Long, is a well-to-do farmer of Little Mahanoy township. We give the line of these from the emigrant ancestor.

George Long, a native of England, settled on the farm near Augustaville, in Rockefeller township, now owned by A. J. Smith, and formerly by Andrew Gonser. Mr. Long took up the land by warrant from the government of Pennsylvania. Here he lived and died, and he is buried at the Augustaville Stone Church. He was a lifelong farmer, and made great improvements on this property. The original set of buildings on the place were located on the road leading from A. J. Smith's to the old Shipman mill, in what is now the meadow about two hundred rods north of

Mr. Smith's home; all have been razed. George Long served in the war of 1812 on the American side, and he may have been a soldier in King George's army during the Revolutionary war. Perhaps he was better known by the name of John George Long. He was a member of the church at Augustaville, which he helped to build. He was twice married, his first wife dying in middle age, and she was the mother of all his children, namely: George, a farmer, who lived in Upper Mahanoy township, and who had, among other children, sons Henry, John, Samuel and William (who was killed by a train, at Paxinos); Henry, who was a cripple and never married; and John.

John Long, son of George, was born in 1805 in Rockefeller township, this county, and died in Montandon, May 20, 1888, aged eighty-two years, six months, one day, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Seabolt. He was a farmer in Rockefeller township, owning and cultivating the place which is now the property of Albert Witmer. In stature he was comparatively small, five feet, five inches in height, but he was vigorous, as may be judged by the advanced age he attained. His wife, Anna Camp, born Oct. 18, 1808, died March 27, 1880, and they are interred at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Rockefeller township, of which Mr. Long was a member. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, Samuel C., Catharine, Henry (of Trevorton, Pa.), Jane (married William Zimmerman), John (died in February, 1888, in Indiana), Julia (married John Seabolt), Benjamin C. and Lucinda (unmarried, who lives in Mifflinburg, Pa.).

Samuel C. Long, son of John, was born Dec. 22, 1828, in what is now Rockefeller township, and died April 28, 1890, aged sixty-one years, four months, six days. He learned the trade of miller, which he followed for about fifteen years, during that period operating what was known as John Dunkelberger's mill, on Mahanoy creek, for a time; he had learned the business there. He next went to Rockefeller township, where he did milling for Hiram Miller, and he also followed the butcher trade in that township for some years. In 1867 he returned to Little Mahanoy township and began farming on the David Dunkelberger farm, which he purchased, and which then comprised 170 acres. He continued to make his home there to the end of his days. Mr. Long was a man who took an intelligent part in the interests of his community, served his township a number of years as supervisor, and was an active member of the Little Mahanoy Lutheran Church, of which he was elder and trustee. Politically he was a Democrat.

In 1854 Mr. Long married Lydia Dunkelberger, who was born in 1833, daughter of David and Anna Marie (Smith) Dunkelberger, and died Sept. 18, 1907, aged seventy-three years, eleven





months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Long are buried at the Little Mahanoy Lutheran Church. They were the parents of the following children: Peter D.; Mary, who died young; Elizabeth, who married Frank Bobb (he is deceased); Phoebe J., who married Joseph D. Wagner; David D.; and Louisa, who died when two years old.

PETER D. LONG, son of Samuel C., was born Dec. 6, 1854. He was reared in Rockefeller township until his parents settled in Little Mahanoy, in 1867, and there he worked on the farm which his father purchased from his maternal grandfather, David Dunkelberger. He remained there until he attained the age of twenty-two years, at which time he went to Shamokin to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed there for three years. He next went to Clinton county, Pa., entering the shops of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Renovo, and he continued to work for that company for twelve years, though he did not continue at his trade. Beginning in the freight service, he was engaged in that branch for six years, after which he was changed to the passenger service, and during the last three years of the period mentioned he was conductor of a passenger train between Renovo and Erie. He began as brakeman and rose by merit to the responsible position of passenger conductor. At the time he left the Pennsylvania service he was offered an appointment in the passenger service of the Baltimore & Ohio Company, but he had decided to begin business on his own account, and he has never had reason to regret his choice. In 1890 he came to Sunbury, where he bought out the good-will, stock and fixtures of Jasper Slaymaker, who conducted a shoe findings and harness manufacturing business. He carried this on successfully for a few years, but in the meantime he had discovered a more congenial and profitable field in the shoe dealing line, and he accordingly sold out, in 1892, to Frank Simpson (who has since died). That year he opened his present store at No. 732 Market street, Sunbury, where he is engaged exclusively as a shoe dealer, carrying the largest line of footwear in the borough. He handles all the leading makes, and doing a business of large proportions is able to keep a very complete line, being the leading merchant of his kind in Sunbury. His customers come from a wide territory around Sunbury.

Mr. Long is best known as a shoe merchant in and around Sunbury, but he has not confined his energies to the one line by any means, being connected with various other local enterprises of importance to the community. He has served as president of the Business Men's Association, has been a director of the Sunbury National Bank since 1909, and has to some extent engaged in real estate dealing, winning a reputation for good judgment in all his ventures. He has served nine

years as member of the school board and was treasurer of that body. In political faith he is a Democrat.

In 1880 Mr. Long married Lizzie Leathers, daughter of John Leathers, who lived and died in Union county, Pa. They have had two children: Charles O., who graduated from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa., in the civil engineering course, is now holding a responsible position in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, stationed at Bellwood, Pa.; and Florence is a graduate of Sunbury high school. Mr. Long and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Sunbury. Fraternally he is a member of True Cross Commandery, No. 122, Knights of Malta, of Sunbury.

DAVID D. LONG, son of Samuel C. Long, was born Oct. 15, 1865, and grew to manhood on the home farm, the place formerly known as the David Dunkelberger farm (now owned by J. F. Dreibelbies) in Little Mahanoy township. When he began farming on his own account it was on that property, where he lived for thirty-three years, owning it for ten years. He farmed it one year for his father, for whom he worked until he was twenty-two years old. In 1900 he purchased his present farm, which then consisted of 142 acres, forty-two of which he has since sold. It is located between Line Mountain and Mahanoy creek, a quarter of a mile east of Hunter station. This was at one time the Jonathan Dunkelberger homestead, but Mr. Long purchased it from Isaac D. Raker. The present owner has made a number of improvements, and the fine barn on the place was built by him in 1902, to replace one destroyed by fire the evening of Jan. 13th, that year; the cause of the fire has never been known. Though Mr. Long has never served an apprenticeship at any trade, and has made farming his principal business, he is a skillful mechanic in various lines, and has done carpenter work for many in his neighborhood, giving the utmost satisfaction. He has also worked as a stonemason, blacksmith and barber. Besides being an industrious and substantial citizen, he has proved a most useful member of his community, where he has served nine consecutive years as school director (being secretary of the board eight years of that time) and four years as supervisor; he was elected to the latter office when only twenty-four years old. He is a Democrat in political connection. He and his family are members of Immanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Little Mahanoy, of which he has been deacon, elder and trustee.

On March 28, 1889, Mr. Long married L. Cora Kerstetter, daughter of Felix and Elizabeth (Beachell) Kerstetter, and granddaughter of Philip and Catharine (Eisenhart) Kerstetter. Mr. and Mrs. Long have had a family of ten children, namely: Alvin C. (in U. S. Navy), R. Frederick



(attending Sunbury high school), L. Lizzie, Mary M., Samuel F., John M., E. Paul, Catharine L., Eva J. and J. Daniel.

Leonard Kerstetter, Mrs. Long's first ancestor in Northumberland county, was an early settler in the western part of Cameron township. He owned a tract of forty-four acres on which he farmed, erected a house and barn on this place, and died aged about eighty years. He is buried in Cameron township. In 1776 the names of Leonard and Martin Kerstetter appear among the pioneers of Mahanoy township, but in the first assessment of Cameron township, in 1814, Leonard's name appears among the taxables. His name appears in 1803 among the organizers of St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. His wife's maiden name was Gerhard, and she is buried by his side. They had a large family, namely: Leonard, Philip, John, George, Daniel, Michael, Susan (married Peter Weigel), Hannah (married John Reichard), and Mary Elizabeth (married Michael Derk and died in May, 1898, aged one hundred years, three months, eighteen days, at the home of her nephew, Simon Peter Kerstetter, in West Cameron township; she is buried at St. Peter's Church in that township).

Leonard Kerstetter (2), son of Leonard, was a farmer in the western part of Cameron township, where he and his wife, Barbara (Heller), are buried. They had five children: John, who died young; Simon Peter; Isaac; Catharine, who married Daniel Kraemer; Salome, who married Solomon Gottshall.

Philip Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived at Trevorton. He was a farmer for some years, in his later life hauling coal. He was twice married, and by his first wife (who was a Schleigh) had five children, Robert, Elizabeth, Sallie, Henry (who died young) and Adam. To his second marriage, with Catharine (Eisenhart) Stein, widow of Jonas Stein, were born three children: Felix, Mary and Catharine.

John Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer in Cameron township. His children were: John, Abraham, Adam, Salome and Elizabeth.

George Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer and landowner of Cameron township, and is buried there. His wife was a Derek, and their children were: Daniel, George and Levi.

Daniel Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived in the eastern part of Cameron township, near Gowen City. He engaged in work around the coal mines. He married Lusenna Wary, and among their children are Alexander and Joseph.

Michael Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived in Bear Valley, two miles from Shamokin, where he did work about the coal mines. He married a Martz, and they had a large family. Their

son William is out West. Charles was another son.

Simon Peter Kerstetter, son of Leonard (2) and grandson of Leonard, was born June 3, 1840, and spent most of his life in Cameron township, working in the coal mines. On April 15, 1866, he married Elizabeth Hingham, and of their four children three are deceased, the survivor, Benjamin Franklin Kerstetter, being a farmer. He sold the farm in Little Mahanoy and moved onto their property in Cameron township. Benjamin F. works at the coal mines and on his small farm. He married R. Agnes Long, and their children are: Elizabeth, Lloyd, George, Francis and Tretha (now deceased).

BENJAMIN C. LONG, son of John, was born Dec. 30, 1841; and was reared on the home farm near Augustaville now owned by Albert Witmer. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he moved to the place of his father-in-law, Samuel Kelly, in Plum Creek valley. He lived and farmed there from 1863 until his retirement, in 1901, a period of thirty-eight years, during which he prospered and acquired the farm, which consists of 120 acres of valuable land in Rockefeller township. This tract is all fertile, level land, and the place is equipped with fine, large buildings, erected by Samuel Kelly, who was one of the thrifty farmers of his day in that vicinity; he was a man of means and influence in his neighborhood, owning considerable good land, including the farm of 130 acres adjoining the 120-acre tract above mentioned. In 1901, when he gave up arduous labor, Mr. Long moved to Sunbury, where he has since made his home, but he still retains the ownership of the farm, which he rents to his son Samuel E. He also owns his residence at No. 209 Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

Mr. Long has been prominent and active in church work and local public affairs. He served nineteen consecutive years as school director of Rockefeller township, having been elected for seven terms (twenty-one years), but gave up the last two years of his seventh term upon his removal to Sunbury. He served as tax collector at a period when nearly all the bills were paid in silver, and when out on a collecting trip would put the money in a bag under the seat of his buggy. He and his family were long leading members of the Lutheran Church at Plum Creek, but since removing to Sunbury have joined the church there. Mr. Long has held many church offices, and has served a number of terms in the church council. Wherever he is known his opinion is valued and his advice sought, and he is much esteemed by his associates in every relation of life.

In 1862 Mr. Long married Rosanna H. Kelly,





daughter of Samuel and Anna Maria (Miller) Kelly, of Rockefeller township, and they have had a family of nine children, namely: Anna Maria married Charles Heckert, of Rockefeller township; Clara E. married George M. Hoffman, of Sunbury, Pa.; Charity L. married Calvin N. Furman and they live in Sunbury; Emma T. is the widow of A. Johnson Savidge and lives with her children in Sunbury; Samuel E. is a resident of Rockefeller township, cultivating his father's farm; Edna R. married Harvey Troutman, of Sunbury; John F. is a farmer of Rockefeller township; Edith married Charles Malick and they live in Upper Augusta township; Olive married Eugene Thomas and they live in Sunbury.

MICHAEL P. TIERNEY, attorney at law, and borough solicitor of Northumberland, is a native of that place who, though young, has made a good start in his profession and bids fair to take an honorable place among the successful lawyers of his section. He was born in the borough Jan. 12, 1884, son of Michael Tierney.

Michael Tierney was born Oct. 10, 1843, in County Galway, Province of Connaught, Ireland, son of Patrick and Winifred (Comer) Tierney. In 1870 he came to America, making his first location at Danville, in Montour county, Pa., where he was employed in the iron works, living and working there for a year and a half. He next went to Scranton, where he remained only three months, however, thence going to Oxford, Warren Co., N. J., where he was employed for three years, until a strike broke out. It was then he came to Northumberland, in 1876, his father-in-law, Patrick Carroll, living near, at New Berlin, Pa. Here he has since made his home. When he settled in Northumberland he had a little money, which he lost, however, through no fault of his own, lending it to a man who was sold out before Mr. Tierney could make his claim. For fifteen years Mr. Tierney worked for the Van Alens, ironmasters, as a puddler, after which he was given charge of the Taggart mill at Northumberland, continuing there until Mr. Taggart died and the concern dissolved. Mr. Tierney took advantage of his respite from work to make a visit to his aged mother, who was then about eighty years old, but after he had been back home only two weeks he was summoned to return to Northumberland, where he was appointed watchman at the cap factory. This establishment was destroyed by fire in 1909, since when he has lived retired. He and his family occupy a nice residence at the corner of Second and Orange streets, Northumberland.

In 1873 Mr. Tierney married Annie Carroll, daughter of Patrick and Susan (Doonen) Carroll, of New Berlin, Pa. She died in June, 1907, at the age of fifty-two years, and was buried in

St. Joseph cemetery, at Danville, Pa. Eleven children were born to this union, namely: Patrick, James, Mary, Thomas, Minnie (deceased), Michael P., Sue, Catherine, John, Harry and Daniel. The family are all members of the Catholic Church at Sunbury.

Michael P. Tierney received his literary education in the public schools of the borough of Northumberland, graduating from the high school in 1901. In 1903 he became a clerk in the employ of the Trolley Company in the office of S. P. Wolvertown, at Sunbury, and in time began reading law in the same office, being admitted to the Northumberland county bar Oct. 12, 1907. Meantime, in February, 1907, he had been elected justice of the peace of the borough; in 1908 he was elected attorney for the borough, and is also borough solicitor. Thus he found a field immediately for legal practice, and in addition to his public duties he has had considerable private work, having a steadily growing patronage. He has his office in the Morgan building at Northumberland. Hardworking and enterprising, he has every prospect of an active future.

On July 18, 1910, Mr. Tierney married Eva Mailey, daughter of John H. Mailey, postmaster of Northumberland. He is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Sunbury.

JOHN K. HETRICK, who lives near the Wolf's Cross Road Church in Rockefeller township, has been a prosperous farmer and well known office holder of that township for many years. He was born May 29, 1854, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. His remarkable memory has enabled him to learn by heart the complete record of the family from the time of his great-grandfather, Philip (or John Philip) Hetrick.

There is a tradition that the early Hetrick or Hetrich family of Northumberland county, Pa., was first located in Berks county, this State, where in 1759 one William Hettrich was a taxable of Bern township, paying a Federal tax of eight pounds. It is likely that this William Hettrich was the father or an elder brother of Philip Hetrich (Hettrich), a pioneer of Washington township, Northumberland county. It is certain the family is one of long standing in Pennsylvania, as the Pennsylvania Archives record the names of Christopher and Nicholas Hettrich among the immigrants to the Province before 1750. The probability is that Christopher, Nicholas, William and Philip were brothers, and that they first settled in Berks county, William remaining there. In 1778, in the list of taxables of Mahanoy township, which then embraced all that part of Northumberland county south of Line Mountain, are found the names of Nicholas and Christopher Hettrich, natives of Germany.





Philip Hetrich (Hettrich) was a pioneer of what is now Washington township, where the family has since been well represented. In the communion list (April 12, 1818) of the Lutheran congregation of the Himmel Church there the name is conspicuous. It is likely Philip was one of the four Hettrichs above mentioned and the same person who landed at Philadelphia from the ship "Louisa" Oct. 3, 1753.

John Philip Hetrick, great-grandfather of John K. Hetrick, was born July 24, 1785, and died March 1, 1853. He lived in what is now Washington township, Northumberland county, owning and occupying the property where his grandson, Daniel Hetrick, later resided, now owned by Henry Kabel. He and his wife, Catharine (Reitz), born Oct. 24, 1786, died June 25, 1854, are buried in the old cemetery at the Himmel Church in that township. Among their children were: Michael, Nicholas, Mrs. Abraham Deppen, Mrs. Henry Hoffman and Daniel.

John Hetrick, son of John Philip Hetrick, was a native of Washington township, followed farming, owning the property where Charles Hetrick now lives, and shortly before his death retired, moving to the Himmel Church locality. He died at the age of sixty-five years and is buried at Himmel's Church. His first wife, Catharine (Snyder), died long before him, and he subsequently married her sister Elizabeth. All his children were by the first marriage, namely: Daniel; Peter, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; John, who died on the homestead; William, who died in Washington township; Samuel, of Upper Mahanoy township; and Sarah, who married John Hoffman.

Daniel Hetrick, son of John, was born in what is now Washington township, and there passed all his life, owning and living upon the farm which is now the property of Henry Kabel. He had a tract of 121 acres. Mr. Hetrick was a tanner as well as farmer, having a tannery on his farm which he conducted for many years. He died at the age of sixty-nine and is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. For ten years he held the office of justice of the peace, and he was one of the first board of school directors of Washington township, entering upon the duties of that position when the public school system of the township was established, in 1870. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Susanna (Kramer), died about two years before him. They were the parents of eleven children: James was an invalid and lived at home until his death; John K. is mentioned below; Clara M. married Wilson Rebeck; Charles died in Washington township; Frank met his death in the Klondyke, where he was frozen to death with nine other men; Elizabeth (deceased) married F. L. Kehres; Catharine is the widow of Robert Garmann; Ellen married Martin Kehres; Lewis is a

resident of Sunbury, Pa.; Daniel lives in the borough of Northumberland; Ida died in infancy.

John K. Hetrick worked for his father in the tannery and on the farm. When a youth of seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of plasterer, which he has followed off and on ever since, at present taking contracts, in the fulfillment of which he gives employment to several men. His work in that line is principally in Sunbury and the vicinity. After his marriage he went to work for his uncle Elias in Lower Augusta township, in the tannery, where he had been employed for two years when his uncle died. He has since resided in Rockefeller township, where he owns two tracts of land, the smaller comprising twelve acres, upon which his buildings are located. The other contains forty acres, near by. In 1907 Mr. Hetrick remodeled his residence, and he has made many improvements, of various kinds, upon his property. He is a thrifty and systematic worker, and has prospered deservedly in his undertakings. Though busy with his own affairs he has found time to take part in the work of the Democratic party in his locality and has also been called upon to fill a number of public positions, having served six years as school director and eighteen years consecutively as assessor. With his family he belongs to the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at Wolf's cross road, in the work of which he has long been active, having served in the church council and as superintendent of the Sunday school for a considerable length of time.

On May 29, 1872, Mr. Hetrick married Amanda Kehres, daughter of William and Catharine (Erdman) Kehres, of Washington township, and four children have been born to them: Theda V. married Curtis Hummel and died about one year after her marriage; Rosa F. married Charles E. Schreffler and they live in Rockefeller township; Sabora married Charles Bobb and they live in Sunbury; Samuel O. died when six months old. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick have adopted and reared five other children: William Sultzbach, who is now in Nebraska; Galen Hoffman and William Kehres, both now in Sunbury; Dean Brosius, born April 15, 1895, who still lives with them; and Margaret Greggson, who is still in their hospitable home.

HIRAM M. HAAS, of Sunbury, farmer, trucker and florist, is a prosperous business man who has been active in various lines during his busy life and has made a substantial success. He has served in various public offices and has proved a good citizen in every capacity in which his ability and integrity have been tested.

Mr. Haas is a grandson of Lawrence Haas, who lived in Jackson township, Northumberland county. He was possessed at one time of considerable means, nearly all of which he lost going security





for supposed friends. He died early in August, 1803, and his administrator was one Daniel Haas, probably a son. Among his children were: John S.; Isaac, who lived and died in Jackson township; Daniel, who was a miller and farmer in New York State; Mrs. Smith; and Harriet, who married Jacob Bower.

John S. Haas, son of Lawrence, was born May 6, 1810, in Northumberland county and received a common school education. He resided in Mahanoy and Jackson townships until 1850, when he moved to Upper Augusta township and there in 1856 purchased the McCarthy & Davis mill, then known as the Sunbury mill property, but since known as Haas's mill. There he lived the remainder of his days, following milling and also farming, to which he had been reared, until his retirement, and accumulating a comfortable property by industry, good management and honorable dealing. He was unassuming and mingled little with his fellowmen, but he was universally respected, and he held several local offices, serving as school director and for many years as overseer of the poor. When a young man he joined a militia company and became quite prominent in that connection, rising to the rank of major and later to that of colonel; he made a commanding appearance, especially upon horseback, and attracted much attention upon public occasions. His death, which was caused by paralysis, occurred Nov. 30, 1885, at the age of seventy-five.

On Dec. 6, 1835, Mr. Haas married Margaret Depper, who was born March 4, 1812, near Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and died Dec. 13, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Socially he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They were the parents of four children, all of whom died in infancy except Hiram M.

Hiram M. Haas was born March 4, 1846, in Jackson township, and was in his fifth year when his parents settled at the Mill property in Upper Augusta township, in the neighborhood of Sunbury. He received his education in the public schools of the borough and at the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, this county, which he left in 1867, later attending the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for five months. From early life he assisted his father and was long associated with him in the management of his affairs, also conducting the mill for a time on his own account. It was equipped with a full roller system and known as the Sunbury Roller Mills. After his father's death he leased the mill and again took up farming, in which he had been previously interested, subsequently operating the mill again in connection with his agricultural operations, making

high-grade flour by steam, water and roller processes. He found the mill very profitable, there being a ready market for the products, which had an excellent reputation. Mr. Haas lives in East Sunbury, on Haas avenue (named in his honor), where he built the "Haas mansion" in 1890, and he has large interests in and out of the borough. He has seventy-five acres of land to the east of Sunbury, most of it now included in the borough, and is engaged in the cultivation of same as a general farmer, truck gardener and florist. The Susquehanna Silk Mills are located on this property. He also has a farm of 165 acres in Upper Augusta township, which he rents. His interests are extensive and he devotes the greater part of the time to their management, being one of the prominent business men of his section of Sunbury, which was formerly known as Purdytown and formed an independent borough before its annexation. His home is included in what is now the Ninth ward. However, with all his numerous private interests, he has found time for valuable public service, having served three terms as school director of what was then Purdytown, a member for two terms of the East Sunbury council, township auditor three successive terms, and recorder. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, with independent inclinations. Mr. Haas was for some years affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum at Sunbury.

In 1870 Mr. Haas married Luzetta, daughter of John Hull, a merchant of Snyderstown, this county, and to them have been born children as follows: John F., of Sunbury, who married Harriet O. Detrich, of Sunbury; Edward L., of Sunbury, who died in August, 1910, at the age of thirty-seven years; Isaac J., of Sunbury, married to Amy E. Fasold, of that borough; Bessie May; Hiram W., of Sunbury; Mary Margaret; Essie Mabel; Nellie Jane, and Marian Valeria.

DANIEL ST. CLAIR was a native of Scotland, and came to America when twelve years old. He was in the Revolutionary war, in which he was drum major, and the four fingers of his left hand were shot off in the war. He was a scholar and a good penman and taught school. His wife had a property in Lower Augusta township which Jack Smith now owns, and William Wynn owns another part of the old St. Clair holdings. Mr. St. Clair married Isabella Auchmudy, a daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Mills) Auchmudy, pioneers of the county. Daniel and Isabella St. Clair are buried at Fisher's Ferry. Their children were: Daniel, David, Casper, George, Abraham, Sarah, Anna, Lydia, and a son whose name is forgotten.

Daniel St. Clair lived on rented land. He is buried in upper Dauphin county. By his first wife, Katie Hubb, he had two children, Sarah





and Walter. To his second union, with Betzy Dietrich, were born: Hiram, Washington, Isabella, and one that died in infancy.

David St. Clair lived and died at the Cart House. He was well-to-do. He married Amelia Reider, and they had a son George.

Casper St. Clair married Mary Clymer, from Berks county, Pa. For a time they rented, and later lived along the mountain in Lower Augusta township. They are buried at the Methodist Church. They had children as follows: Jeremiah died in Shamokin; Isabella, born Oct. 11, 1823, is still living, the widow of Robert Smith; Sarah Jane married Charles Reader; Mary E. married Alvin Reader; Andrew J. died in Custer county, Pa., in October, 1909, aged seventy-two years.

George St. Clair lived in Schuylkill County, Pa., and St. Clair, in that county, was named after him. He married Polly Dietrich, and among their children were Matilda and Mary.

Abraham St. Clair lived at Wilkes-Barre. He entered the army and sold his property for \$1,500, though it was worth much more, being rich coal land. His wife was Ellen Courtright, and their youngest child was Butler St. Clair.

**JOHN JACOB PEIFER**, late of Shamokin, who was engaged in the leather and boot and shoe business at the corner of Arch and Market streets, had an extensive trade, supplying most of the shoemakers in his section. He was a substantial business man and a respected citizen, one of the best known residents of the western section of the borough.

Mr. Peifer was the third of his name in direct line, being a son of John Jacob Peifer and a grandson of John Jacob Pfeifer (as the name was originally spelled), who was born Feb. 28, 1809, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1852, making the voyage in a sailing vessel. He was married in Germany to Barbara Ziegler, a native of that country, born Jan. 19, 1806, and his wife and family accompanied him to the United States. They landed at New York, later coming to Pennsylvania and locating in Shamokin, where Mr. Pfeifer found work at the mines. For some time before his death Mr. Pfeifer had his home at Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, where he died June 20, 1863; his wife died Dec. 3, 1868, and both are buried at the Blue Church, of which they were members. Their children were John Peter, John Jacob, Barbara and Magdalena (married Patrick Mackin).

John Jacob Peifer, son of John Jacob, was born Nov. 19, 1835, at the town of Beringer, in Wurtemberg, Germany. He was in his seventeenth year when he came with his parents to America, and he was employed at Shamokin and at Allegheny City before settling at Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, where he entered the employ of the Pennsyl-

vania Railroad Company. He began as a repairman, later became a fireman and in time an engineer, being employed in the latter capacity until he met his death, May 6, 1869, at Brady, this county. The boiler of his engine exploded, throwing him into the adjacent bushes, and life was extinct when he was found. He was a popular and well liked man, and had proved a loyal citizen of his adopted country, serving in the Union army during the Civil war.

Mr. Peifer married Anna Maria Bader, who was born Sept. 18, 1812, near the town of Dettlingen, in Wurtemberg, Germany, daughter of John George and Christina (Bossart) Bader, and came to America when nineteen years old. Three children were born to this union: John Jacob; Mary Christina, born Aug. 27, 1866, who married Peter Maus and has one child, Dr. John P.; and Anna Dorothy, born Nov. 21, 1868, who married Charles Martin. After Mr. Peifer's death his widow married John Michael Sheese (Schiese), a native of Germany, who died at Shamokin Feb. 5, 1877. Mrs. Sheese still survives, making her home in Shamokin. By her second marriage she had children as follows: Elizabeth C., who is the wife of Elmer Long; Rev. George F., a Presbyterian minister formerly located at Montgomery, Pa., who recently moved to Oklahoma, where he is engaged as a printer, and Fredericka Matilda, married to John Henry Weitenhafer.

John Jacob Peifer was born Oct. 27, 1864, at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, and he began work as many boys in this region have done, picking slate at the mines. He was thus engaged during the summer season, in the winter months attending public school. When fifteen years old he went to learn shoemaking, which trade he followed from that time until 1884, in which year he returned to the mines. But after a comparatively brief experience in his former line he resumed shoemaking, in which he was ever after interested. In 1898 he engaged in business on his own account, as a boot and shoe dealer and manufacturer, and he established a large business, having all the most modern equipment and conveniences for facilitating his work. He also dealt in leather and findings, supplying almost all the shoemakers in this section.

His profitable and constantly widening trade was the best comment upon his business methods. Mr. Peifer died April 23, 1911, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Peifer was a Republican in politics and active in borough affairs, having served nine years as councilman, and as school director for some time, from the Third ward. Socially he belonged to the Knights of Malta, P. O. S. of A., Sons of Veterans, I. O. O. F. and Maccabees. He was a member of St. John's German Reformed Church, and a member of the choir. A man of genial and





charitable disposition, he enjoyed the friendship and good will of a wide circle.

Mr. Peifer married Isabella Otto, granddaughter of William Otto, a farmer of Schuylkill county, who died in 1830; his wife was Margaret Kessler. Henry Otto, son of William, was born in Schuylkill county June 21, 1825, and is now a resident of Shamokin. He married (first) Catharine Artz, by whom he had eight children, and by his second union, to Mary Fager, he had a family of eleven, of whom Mrs. Peifer was one.

**JEREMIAH LOWER**, a retired citizen of Sunbury, has been a resident of that borough for the past twenty years, and until his retirement in 1906 was a successful business man. He is a native of Dauphin county, born near the Northumberland county line Oct. 2, 1845.

Michael Lower (Lauer), his grandfather, a native of Schwartzwald, Germany, was one of four brothers, all then unmarried, who came to America, and he located in Dauphin county; another brother settled near Harrisburg, Pa., another in the vicinity of Philadelphia, while of the fourth nothing was ever known after his arrival in this country. Michael Lower owned a large tract of land on the north side of Mahantango mountain, near Malta (Vera Cruz), and there he engaged in farming until his death. He was a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. (One Michael Lauer, buried at that church, was born Feb. 1, 1781, and died July 13, 1834.) His wife survived him a number of years. They had children as follows: William was the father of Jeremiah Lower; Jacob settled in Juniata county, Pa.; Michael died near Mahantango, Pa.; Daniel located at Brookville, Ogle Co., Ill., where he died; John died in the Lykens Valley March 6, 1904, aged ninety-two years, eight months, three days (his wife, Elizabeth, died Sept. 28, 1894, aged seventy-four years, sixteen days); Elizabeth married John A. Snyder; Rebecca married (first) Abraham Frymoyer and (second) John A. Snyder, whose first wife was her older sister, Elizabeth; Polly married John Chroyer.

William Lower was born in 1815 and died in August, 1849, on the old homestead. He was a Lutheran in religious faith and is buried at the Stone Valley church. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed, and also farmed on the old homestead. His wife, Julia Zerbe, daughter of John Zerbe, of Lower Mahanoy township, died Feb. 28, 1904, aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of two children, Jeremiah and Matilda, the latter dying in infancy.

Jeremiah Lower received his education in the public schools of the locality where he had his early home and at the Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove. He was reared to farming, which he followed until he reached the age of forty-one years,

cultivating land in Northumberland county; meanwhile he also conducted a butcher business for some time in the village of Vera Cruz, in Lower Mahanoy township. When he gave up farming he settled at Weigh Scales, this county, at which place he conducted the "State Road Hotel" (then known as "Hensyl's Hotel") for about two years, in 1889 moving to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he was proprietor of the "Central Hotel" for a year. In March, 1890, he settled in Sunbury, where he has since made his home. For seven years he conducted the "Packer House" in this borough, in 1896 buying the saddlery and hardware business to which he subsequently gave his attention until his retirement, conducting same for a period of nine years. Mr. Lower manufactured and dealt in all kinds of custom and factory made harness, saddlery hardware and shoe findings, handling a superior line of goods. Those of his own manufacture were of the highest grade. He made any kind of harness, doing the work in the most approved manner and the mounting as desired, and carried a most comprehensive stock—everything needed in the stable. He gave special attention to repair work, and enjoyed an excellent patronage. His store was at No. 506 Market street. Mr. Lower has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted home, and has served two years in the borough council. He is a Republican in political opinion.

In 1886 Mr. Lower married Wilhelmina Witmer, daughter of Isaac Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and six children have been born to them: William R. is a resident of Sunbury; Julia V. married James R. Brosius and after his death married (second) G. W. Floyd, who is in the Federal service, and they live at Capitol Heights, Md.; Sarah A. is the wife of A. J. Kauffman and they live in Rockefeller township, this county; Mary E. married Frank Weiser, of Sunbury; Susan E. and Laura died in infancy.

Mr. Lower and his family are members of the New Lutheran Church in Sunbury. He has always been an interested church worker, and has given many years' service in the councils of the different churches with which he has been identified at the various places in which he has resided.

**JOHN W. ZERBE**, postmaster at Shamokin, Northumberland county, bears a name which has been known in this section from the time his grandfather came hither out of Berks county, founding a family which has ever since been counted among the worthy citizens of the region and in whose honor a township has been named. Zerbe valley and Zerbe run also help to perpetuate the name, and there is a Zerby in Center county doubtless of the same origin. The Zerbe Valley Railroad, a line fifteen miles long, was incorporated





Sept. 7, 1867, and became a part of the Philadelphia & Reading system in 1871.

Among the registered passengers who came over in the early days appear the names of John Philip Zerbe, Martin Zerbe and Lorenz Zerbe, brothers, who according to Rupp's "30,000 Immigrants" made the passage together in 1710, coming across with the Huguenots. Lorenz Zerbe settled that year at Schoharie, N. Y., and in 1720-22 was one of those who emigrated thence to Pennsylvania, where he settled on the Tulpehocken creek, between what are now Womelsdorf and Bernville, Berks county. He had one son who is of record, John Zerbe, who in 1761 built a mill on the Tulpehocken creek which was in operation until burned, about five years ago (the letter from which most of this information was taken was written Nov. 23, 1909); the corner stone bearing the date was still in the wall a short time ago.

It is the general contention of those who have been collecting family records that all of the Zerbes in this country are descended from this John Zerbe (son of Lorenz) and his two wives (he married Catarina Stup June 4, 1744), his children numbering twenty-four in all, twenty sons and four daughters. Some hold that the Zerbes are not all his descendants, but that they come from the three immigrant brothers mentioned; but up to this time no record has been unearthed to show that John Philip and Martin Zerbe, the two brothers who accompanied Lorenz, were ever married. A great number, however, from various States, have been traced back to the twenty sons of John, and though many spellings of the name are found in the different branches of the family—Zerbe, Zerbey, Zerby, Zerbo, Zerba, Zerbe—all who bear it are supposed to be his posterity. In the first half of the nineteenth century many of the name went West, settling in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, etc., so that its representatives are now scattered well over the country, and they are found in the professions as well as among agricultural and mechanical workers. As to the origin of the name, it is found in France, spelled Zerbo; and in 1505 one Gabriel Zerbi, an Italian anatomist, wrote a work entitled "Anatomy of the Human Body," a copy of which may be found in the Astor Library, in New York City.

Daniel Zerbe, great-grandfather of John W. Zerbe, of Shamokin, came to this region from Berks county by wagon and was among the early settlers in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. He lived about two miles from what is now Dalmatia. He is buried at the Stone Valley church in Lower Mahanoy township. To him and his wife, Maria, were born eight children: Thomas, the grandfather of John W. Zerbe; Joseph, who died in Dalmatia, Northumberland county; John, who died in Stone Valley (he left no posterity); Daniel,

who died unmarried; George, who died at Georgetown, Northumberland county (he married Fbbie Spengel, and two of their children survive, John and Ellen); Rebecca, who married Adam Bowman and moved to Illinois, where she died; Catharine, who married David Schwartz, both dying in Michigan; and Elizabeth, who married Adam Alman.

Joseph Zerbe, son of Daniel, married Catharine Meck, and they had thirteen children: Henry, of Shamokin, who married Fbbie Alman (he served three years during the Civil war as a member of Company L, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, entering as a private, and receiving promotion to the rank of corporal); Joseph, a miner, living at Mount Carmel; George, who died in 1908; Daniel, a resident of Dalmatia; Samuel, who lives at Millersburg, Pa.; Jonas, of Shamokin; Elizabeth, married to Andrew Campbell; Catherine, married to Jacob B. Bright; and others who died young.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Daniel, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, where he lived and died. He married Elizabeth Gorman, and they had children as follows: Jesse was killed by a bull while at work at his barn, in Kansas; Thomas is the father of John W. Zerbe; Benjamin lives at Beavertown, Snyder Co., Pa.; Elias lives at Altoona, Pa.; Sallie is married to Henry Miller, and they live in Shamokin; Rebecca married George Heitzman, of Kansas; Katie married Elias Paul, who died in Shamokin.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and came to Shamokin when a young man, finding employment at the mines. Later he settled on his father's homestead in his native township, taking over the farm, which he is still cultivating. He has not only been a prosperous farmer, but he is a well known man in the county, which he has served two terms as commissioner in the most intelligent and efficient manner. He is a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religious matters. Mr. Zerbe married Catherine Messner, daughter of Philip Messner, and to them were born seven children: A son that died in infancy; Charles, deceased; John W.; James, of Reading, Berks Co., Pa.; Joseph, of Dalmatia, Northumberland county; Webster, of Lower Mahanoy township, this county; and another son that died in infancy.

John W. Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born Feb. 16, 1864, in Lower Mahanoy township, and received his education in the public schools of the home locality. While yet a boy he began to work in the mines, continuing thus until he was in his twenty-eighth year, when he was given a position in the police department of Shamokin, and he remained with that department for twelve and a half years, until appointed to the postmaster-ship, in the year 1903. He has proved a capable and faithful official and has given general satis-





faction in the office. His standing in the borough, both personally and as public servant, is unquestionably good. Fraternally he unites with the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of Malta, and in church connection he is a Lutheran.

In 1886 Mr. Zerbe married Clara Kerkam, daughter of Wilhelm and Elizabeth Kerkam, the former a well known business man of Shamokin. They have had three children, but only one survives, May.

EDWARD S. MILLER, late of Herndon, Northumberland county, was a resident of that place for a number of years before his death, coming to Northumberland county in 1882 or 1883. He was a native of Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa., born July 24, 1851, son of Michael and Catharine (Klahr) Miller.

Upon his removal to Northumberland county Mr. Miller located at Herndon, where he made his home to the end of his days, dying there Feb. 14, 1896, at the age of forty-four years, six months, twenty days. He is buried at Herndon. For several years he was a traveling salesman for the shoe house of Smith, Schaeffer & Co., of Philadelphia, his territory being in Snyder, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Northumberland and Juniata counties, Pa. He was a successful business man and well liked wherever known. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, his family also belonging to that church.

In 1894 Mr. Miller married Lydia A. Snyder, daughter of George and Sarah (Deppen) Snyder, of Greenbrier, Northumberland county, in which locality Mr. Snyder was born. Mrs. Miller was left in comfortable circumstances, and made her home at Herndon until her death, which occurred May 5, 1910. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Alexander, who lived in the Mahantango Valley, and died in 1910; Charlotte, widow of Peter Ziegler; William, deceased, who lived in Snyder county; Mary, who married William Otto, both being now deceased; James F., a resident of Jackson township, Northumberland county; Isaiah, of Millersburg, Pa.; and Lydia A., who married Edward S. Miller.

James F. Snyder, son of George, was born in December, 1844, and followed farming all his active life. He married Anna Witmer, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Rehrer) Witmer, and they have five children, Maggie (married Grant Lemon), Anna (married David Lower), William, Charles and Clarence.

REITZ. Among the representatives of the Reitz family in Sunbury are Benjamin F. Reitz, deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county, and the brothers James and Isaac J. Reitz, cousins of Benjamin F., all of whom are numbered among the most respected residents of that borough.

Their fathers were brothers, sons of Jacob Reitz and grandsons of Andreas Reitz. The family is of French origin and is now numerous in the State of Pennsylvania.

Andreas (Andrew) Reitz came from Berks county, Pa., and settled in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Reitz, son of Andreas, was born Jan. 30, 1782, in Upper Mahanoy township, in territory now embraced in Washington township. He was a farmer and a prosperous one, owning what are now the farms of Andrew L. Bucher and Emanuel Kiehl, of Jackson township. On the latter property he built a sawmill which he operated successfully for some years. He died Sept. 26, 1838, and was buried at St. Peter's church, in Jackson, near Washington township. His wife, Anna Maria (Hepler), a native of Hepler, Schuylkill Co., Pa., is buried at the Stone Church. They were the parents of the following named children: Jacob lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Benjamin (born July 19, 1808, died Jan. 11, 1838) lived in Washington township; Isaac H. is mentioned below; Zetic (born 1829, died 1855) is buried at Himmel's Church; Joseph lived at Trevorton, Northumberland county; Samuel is mentioned below; Daniel was a farmer of Little Mahanoy township; Katie (deceased) was the wife of John Fegley; Maricha married George Miller and they lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Lydia married Henry Dressler and they lived in Center county, Pa.; Mrs. Seiler lived in Schuylkill county.

Isaac H. Reitz, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 10, 1818, on the old Reitz homestead near Mahanoy Church, now owned by Andrew L. Bucher. He learned the trade of house carpenter, which he followed, but he was better known in his capacity of undertaker, having been the only one in that business for miles around his home, which was near the Mahanoy Church. The Mahanoy cemetery was once part of his land. He conducted many funerals in his time. He was also known as an extensive dealer in cattle and horses, having been thus engaged for fifty-three years, buying cattle west of the Alleghenies and bringing them overland to Northumberland county, where he found a market for them. He sold herds in Berks county at private sales. A prosperous man in all his enterprises, he owned the farm which is now the property of his son Galen and also his own homestead, another tract comprising seventy-three acres, and several acres of woodland. He was active in the public affairs of his day, serving as overseer of the poor, school director, constable and assessor, was a Democrat in politics, and a member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he served officially. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. Mr. Reitz died in the neighborhood where he had passed all his life Nov. 14, 1894, aged seventy-six years, two





months, four days, and is buried at Krebs (St. Peter's) Church. "Krebs" is the local name for this church, and "St. Peter's" is the corporate name.

Mr. Reitz was twice married. His first marriage was to Lydia Lenker, of Stone Valley, who was born July 18, 1825, and died March 5, 1852. She is buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy. Three children were born to this union, two sons and one daughter, namely: Gilbert, who died at Mt. Carmel; Caroline (deceased), who was the wife of Levis Keeler, of Freeburg, Snyder county; and Lewis, who died at Olean, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Reitz married Susan Miller, daughter of John Miller, of Gratztown, Lykens Valley, Dauphin Co., Pa., who died June 24, 1899, aged seventy-one years, seven months, thirteen days. His children by this marriage were as follows: Reuben is deceased; Lovina married (first) Edward Kantz, and (second) Morris Reitz, and they live in Sunbury; Galen is mentioned below; Lydia married William Kiehl and they live at Tower City, Pa.; John, who lives at Harrisburg, married Alice Bingaman; Jane (deceased) married Isaiah Wetzell and lived in Shamokin; Benjamin Franklin is mentioned below; Ellen married Benjamin W. Stepp, of Washington township; and Samuel died young.

GALEN REITZ, son of Isaac H. Reitz, was born June 19, 1857, in Washington township, this county, where he still lives. He was reared to farm life and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-six years, after which he began farming near Mahanoy Church, where he has ever since resided. He has a forty-six-acre farm, the produce of which he markets at Trevorton, where he makes a weekly trip. His property is well cultivated and valuable, and has good buildings, the barn built in 1877 and the house in 1890. He has served six years as school director of Washington township and since 1906 as overseer of the poor, and he is much respected in the neighborhood for his intelligent public services as well as his able management of his private affairs. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Reitz and his family are Lutheran members of the Mahanoy church, which he has served as deacon, elder and (for four years) trustee.

On Dec. 18, 1876, Mr. Reitz married Lucinda Shipe, daughter of Samuel and Hettie (Herner) Shipe, the former a blacksmith and farmer, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipe, who was a farmer of Lower Augusta township. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reitz: Emma, married to Jefferson Wynn, of Lower Augusta township; Minnie I., unmarried; Isaac S., who married Hannah Grieger and resides in Harrisburg; Mary A.; Selvia M.; Frances I.; Harvey; and Samuel, Bertha and Claude, all three of whom died young.

BENJAMIN F. REITZ has been deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county since 1906, and in

that capacity has become particularly well known in official circles, his able discharge of the duties of his position having won him the favorable recognition of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Reitz was born in Washington township Sept. 8, 1868, and there began his education in the public schools. Later he was a pupil at the old Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, also attending a select school at Milton, where he was under the tuition of Professors Wolverton and Goho. He was next engaged at teaching for three terms in the public schools, and two summers in a select school at Elysburg, this county, after which he took a course at the State Normal School at Kutztown, from which he was graduated in 1890. For the next two years he taught at Landingville, Schuylkill county. Then he went to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1892, after which he was engaged for some time as clerk at the Broad street station, in Philadelphia, Pa. Returning to Elysburg he taught for seven years or until 1900, when he was appointed assistant clerk in the commissioners' office, in 1903 receiving appointment as clerk in the prothonotary's office. In January, 1906, he was appointed deputy prothonotary under Thomas Lawler, and was re-appointed by the present incumbent, Ira T. C. Dissinger, having filled the position with fidelity and skill, and he is now bookkeeper for the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Co. Mr. Reitz is well and favorably known in the local councils of the Democratic party. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Elysburg and to the Encampment at Sunbury, and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has the old Reitz family Bible.

On Dec. 31, 1901, Mr. Reitz married Emma L. Reed, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Trego) Reed, of Elysburg, and granddaughter of Jacob Reed. They have an adopted son, Clyde, who was born in 1901.

Samuel Reitz, father of James and Isaac J. Reitz, of Sunbury, lived in Upper Augusta township, in Hollowing Run, and in Lower Mahanoy and later in Little Mahanoy, which was his home at the time of his death. He followed farming, and in connection therewith worked at his trade, shoemaking. He died in Little Mahanoy township at the home of his brother Daniel, whom he was visiting, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. Mr. Reitz was twice married. His first wife was Kate Reed, by whom he had three children, Kittie, Mary and Daniel, his second wife being Harriet Jones, daughter of Capt. William R. Jones, who was postmaster at Fisher's Ferry for some years. She died Sept. 13, 1883, aged sixty-three years, five months, twenty-eight days, and is buried in the River cemetery, at Fisher's Ferry. They had two children, James and Isaac J.



JAMES REITZ, son of Samuel, a prosperous business man of Sunbury, was born July 1, 1857, in Lower Augusta township, where he spent his early boyhood days. From the age of seven he has lived in Lower Augusta township and Sunbury. After reaching manhood he learned the trade of tinsmith, which he followed in Sunbury for seven years, later taking up slating, to which he now devotes most of his time. He is engaged in job work and contracting in Sunbury and the vicinity, where he has built up a profitable trade. Mr. Reitz's experience as a tinsmith aids him considerably in his present line of work, and he has a particularly good reputation as a reliable roofer. He is a Democrat in political opinion, but not active in politics.

ISAAC J. REITZ, an energetic and enterprising citizen of Sunbury, whose various business interests bring him into contact with a large proportion of the residents of that borough, was born July 1, 1863, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He spent his youth in Lower Augusta township, where he attended public school, and when eighteen commenced to learn the plumber's trade at Sunbury, where he has followed it continuously since. His business has extended until he not only is fully equipped to fill plumbing and heating contracts of all kinds, but also does a large business as a dealer in stoves and tinware, carrying the largest and most complete stock of tinware in the town at his store, No. 515 Market street. He has always been a leader in the plumbing business, and in that line alone gives regular employment to four men, having in all ten men employed in the conduct of his various branches of business. He has the local selling agency for the Mitchell automobile, his territory covering Northumberland, Snyder, Union and Montour counties, and in this connection conducts a garage at No. 435 Market street, in Sunbury. Mr. Reitz was the first to introduce moving pictures in Sunbury, and he owns and conducts the Lyric theatre, one of the leading establishments of the kind in the borough, which he has found a profitable investment. He is a large owner of real estate. Mr. Reitz is thorough in everything he undertakes, and has shown himself progressive in every line of work he has entered. The fact that he engaged in the moving picture and automobile lines, and made a success of both, is sufficient evidence that he has an intelligent comprehension of the needs of the day. The manner in which he has developed his original line of business would be a credit to any workman. In both mercantile and mechanical lines he has followed its possibilities to the limits of usefulness and convenience, to his own profit and the benefit of his townspeople.

Mr. Reitz has represented the Ninth ward in the town council, and is a Democrat in political connection. He is a member of the Elks and the

Freemasons, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., all of Sunbury; and to Lodge No. 237, B. P. O. Elks, also of Sunbury.

On June 1, 1882, Mr. Reitz married Annie Arnold, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Keefer) Arnold, of Lower Augusta township. They have had one daughter, Maud May, now the wife of William Conrad, a clerk in the Sunbury National Bank. Mr. Reitz and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

KEARNEY. This is a name which has been represented in Shamokin, Northumberland county, since 1865, when Matthew Kearney, father of the brothers Matthew A. and William E. Kearney, both of whom are now engaged in the hotel business in that borough, made a permanent home there. Though he died but a few years later he became a very well known resident of the place, and his sons have all been useful and successful citizens, all but one still residing in Shamokin.

The Kearney family is of Irish origin, Patrick Kearney, the grandfather of Matthew A. and William E. Kearney, having been born in County Mayo, Ireland. Matthew Kearney, son of Patrick, was born in Ireland, and came to America in the early part of 1847 with his mother, wife and three sisters. He first located in Clintonville, Mass., but soon moved to the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, living for a time in Luzerne county, later in Carbon county, and in 1850 coming to Northumberland county, where he made his home at Trevorton for a number of years. In 1865 he removed to Shamokin, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a miner and contractor, driving tunnels in connection with the mining of coal, and had the reputation of being an expert in that line, having driven many of the large tunnels in the early development of the coal industry in the vicinity of Shamokin. At the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1870, he was serving as tax collector of Shamokin, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Kearney married Ann Devitt, who survived him many years, dying March 25, 1889, and they are buried at Shamokin. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom survive: Matthew A.; William E.; Daniel, a detective, who has long been connected with the police force in Chicago, Ill.; Annie, wife of J. F. McLaughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; James J., attorney at law, of Shamokin; and Bridget, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW A. KEARNEY, son of Matthew and Ann (Devitt) Kearney, was born Aug. 19, 1856, at Trevorton, Northumberland county. He received his education in the schools of Coal township. When a boy he commenced work as a slate picker at the breaker, in time becoming a miner,





and he worked as such in the collieries about Shamokin for a period of twenty years. He has since been interested in the hotel business with the exception of about three years during which he lived retired. His first venture in this line was the "Keystone House," which he conducted for some time, later becoming proprietor of Kearney's Cafe, on Independence street, Shamokin, opposite the Philadelphia & Reading railroad station. He ran this establishment for four years, after which he lived retired for three years, in July, 1908, becoming proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel," which he still conducts, together with an excellent café. This hotel enjoys a large patronage, which under Mr. Kearney's management has widened to an appreciable degree. He has thirty-five rooms, and the house is well equipped to cater to those who value comfort and good service. Mr. Kearney has the disposition necessary to success as a hotel landlord, anticipating the wants of his guests and being most accommodating in supplying them. He is affable and courteous in his dealings with his guests and thoroughly business-like in all that pertains to their well-being. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, of the Shamokin Lodge of Elks and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In 1890 Mr. Kearney married Ellen Moser, daughter of Henry Moser, of Philadelphia, who followed a seafaring life; he was a member of the Moser family, that had valuable land holdings in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kearney have had three children: Loretta, born in 1892; Matthew, born in 1894; and Lillian, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM E. KEARNEY, son of Matthew and Ann (Devitt) Kearney, was born Jan. 11, 1859, in Trevorton, Northumberland county. He received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, and for several years after commencing work was engaged at the mines, beginning as a slate picker and rising through the various positions until he became a full-fledged miner, in which capacity he was employed for two years. He was not content, however, and in August, 1881, he went to New York City in the hope of finding more congenial employment. He soon became an apprentice at the barber's trade, which he not only learned in all the ordinary branches but also that of hair dressing, as well as the manufacture of hair jewelry, wigs, etc. After two years in New York City he returned to Shamokin, where he started in the business on his own account, conducting a large hair dressing establishment and also making wigs and all kinds of hair jewelry and ornamental work. He built up a large trade, having a reputation for superior and conscientious work which brought him a most profitable patronage. Meantime, as he prospered, he acquired large real estate interests in the borough of Shamokin and the surrounding

neighborhood of Coal township, and he has dealt largely in real estate in this locality on his own account and in the interest of others. In the fall of 1898 he was awarded the contract by the borough of Shamokin for the paving of Independence street, its principal thoroughfare, the contract amounting to about twenty thousand dollars. In March, 1889, Mr. Kearney and his brother Matthew, in association with W. E. Deibert, organized the Shamokin Lock & Novelty Manufacturing Company, a concern which has had a most prosperous existence. In 1905 Mr. Kearney purchased the "Edgewood Hotel," in Shamokin, which has since enjoyed a large patronage, and in 1909 he leased and opened the "Lorraine Hotel," at the corner of Spruce and Market streets, in the same borough. His success in this line has been gratifying, and since he has had both establishments he has had special facilities for catering to the comfort of his guests, who appreciate his obliging service and show their appreciation by their continued support.

In 1909 Mr. Kearney entered into a new branch of business, one entirely different from anything else he had undertaken, but in which he has met with the same success which has attended his previous enterprises. He began the growing of mushrooms, to the cultivation of which he now has about 6,000 feet of ground devoted, finding a large demand for his output in the Philadelphia and New York City markets as well as a good local trade.

As may be judged from a mere mention of the various lines in which he has been interested, Mr. Kearney has always been a very busy and enterprising man, for he has worked industriously and intelligently to make his undertakings successful, and has succeeded. Moreover, he has found time to interest himself in politics and public affairs, having long been an enthusiastic worker in the Democratic party, taking active part in local, State and national conventions, and serving as delegate in the convention which nominated Jenks for governor of Pennsylvania and as alternate to the convention which nominated Polk for Congress. In 1890 Mr. Kearney was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served two successive terms, until 1900.

On April 28, 1892, Mr. Kearney married Margaret Sweeney, and to their union have been born five children: Matthew Wilfred A.; Daniel Webster; Mary Margaret Adela; Louise, and Lorraine.

FRANK H. STROUSS, attorney at law, a citizen of the borough of Mount Carmel, was born there Feb. 24, 1878, son of Solomon Strouss. The Strouss family has been settled in this section of Pennsylvania since the time of his great-grandfather, Jacob Strouss, who was born near Stroudsburg, Monroe county, and was a pioneer of Montour county, settling about two miles from the





town of Exchange. He was a millwright, and followed his trade for some time, but farming was his principal occupation in this region, and he became very prosperous, owning three farms. He lived retired many years before his death, which occurred in March, 1868, when he was ninety-two years old. His wife was Catherine Newhart, and they are buried at Turbutville, Northumberland county. They had children as follows: Charles, David, Jonathan, Levi, Aaron, Annie (married Henry Shoop) and Rebecca (married Jacob Springer).

Jonathan Strouss, son of Jacob, born in 1816, lived in Montour county, for some time at Comly. By occupation he was a farmer. He died at Comly Oct. 9, 1888, aged seventy-two years, seven months, and his wife, Sarah Truckenmiller, born in 1818, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Schwartz) Truckenmiller, passed away Sept. 6, 1902, aged eighty-four years, nine months, twenty-six days. Mr. and Mrs. Strouss are buried at Turbutville, this county. Their children were: Jacob Henry married Esther Reedy and they live at Muncy; David is living at Muncy; Solomon is mentioned below; John E. married Martha Callins; Mary married John Koons.

Solomon Strouss was born in Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1845. He received only a common school education and learned the butcher's trade, which he followed about three years at Mount Carmel. His next employment was as shipping clerk at the Alaska colliery, and he was later at the Reliance, remaining in the employ of the Reading Company about twenty-eight years, during which long service he became one of the trusted men. He died in 1909 and is buried at the Alaska cemetery. Mr. Strouss married Christian Reinard, of Mount Carmel, where she still resides. They had the following children: Frank H., Ida M., Carrie G. and Grover Shindel.

Frank H. Strouss is a self-made man, having gained his education and attained his present standing through his own efforts. Beginning as a slate picker at the collieries, he continued his studies in the local schools and graduated at the Mount Carmel high school in 1896, after which he entered Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, where he was graduated in 1898, with the degree of LL. B. He also read law in the office of Hon. Voris Auten, at Mount Carmel, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 4, 1900, and to practice in the Superior court Jan. 5, 1903. On Jan. 1, 1903, he began his practice at Mount Carmel in the P. O. S. of A. building, where he is still located. During his school and college days Mr. Strouss continued to work at the collieries at different times until 1900, from which time until 1903 he was in the prothonotary's office at Sunbury. He has obtained a most creditable clientele in the locality, served as solicitor of Mount Carmel

borough in 1908, and enjoys the confidence of his friends and fellow citizens generally, his success being recognized as the well earned reward of earnest endeavor and conscientious devotion to duty.

Mr. Strouss married Gertrude Morse, daughter of George, of Mount Carmel, and they have one child, Carleton M., born Sept. 30, 1906. Socially Mr. Strouss is a member of Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., of Mount Carmel, of the F. O. E., and of the Bar Association. In religion he is a Lutheran, and in politics a Democrat, quite active in his party.

CHARLES A. BARRON, who has been engaged in the drug business at Shamokin since 1883, is one of the best known men in his line in that part of Northumberland county. His trade is large and well established and his reputation as a druggist and in a business way is of the highest.

Mr. Barron was born June 22, 1855, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Daniel Barron. His paternal grandfather brought his family from France to America and settled in Pine valley, near Hegins, Schuylkill county. There he died.

Daniel Barron came to America with his parents. He became a blacksmith by trade, and while living at Pottsville engaged in wagonmaking, gaining considerable fame and success in that line. Later he settled at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he followed farming as well as general blacksmithing, prospering by industry, continued to the end of his active days. He served as captain of a military company of Schuylkill county. Mr. Barron died at the age of eighty-four years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kelley, and his wife, Margaret, died Jan. 1, 1893, aged sixty-nine years, ten months, eight days; they are buried at Reed's church. They had children as follows: Theodore F., who is in the insurance and real estate business at Ashland, Pa.; Curtis H., who went West when a young man and is now living in South Dakota, practicing as an attorney at law; Clara E., wife of William Krause; Charles A.; and Mrs. Kelley, wife of Dr. J. J. Kelley.

Charles A. Barron attended public school at Elysburg and in 1872 came to Shamokin, where he has continued to make his home to the present time. He began work as a clerk in the employ of the late William R. Kutzner, with whom he remained eleven years, until he went into business for himself. In September, 1883, he formed a partnership with Dr. Robins and Dr. Weaver, the firm being known as C. A. Barron & Co. This association lasted for nine years, when the firm became Barron & Robbins, continuing as such until 1908, when Mr. Barron became sole proprietor. His well known store is at No. 610 North Shamokin street. Mr. Barron is a director of the Shamokin Banking Company.



On May 4, 1882, Mr. Barron married Mary E. Jones, daughter of the late Enoch Jones, and a member of a family widely and favorably known in Shamokin. Three children have been born to this union: Howard Curtis, an attorney at law, now located at Wheeling, W. Va.; Charles A., Jr., a druggist, who is with his father; and Ruth Elizabeth.

Mr. Barron is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Shamokin, and of the following Masonic bodies: Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

AMOS K. DEIBLER, district attorney of Northumberland county, has been engaged in legal practice at Shamokin since 1902, and was elected to his present position in 1907. Mr. Deibler was born Feb. 11, 1869, in Shamokin township, this county, where his grandfather, George Deibler, was a pioneer settler.

George Deibler was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1812, locating in Shamokin township, where he purchased land in 1813 and followed farming the remainder of his active days. He was one of the substantial and respected residents of his section, and Deiblers Station, in Shamokin township, was named for him. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bastian, are buried at the Brick Church, at Reed's Station. They had children as follows: Daniel, William, Jonathan, John, George, Susan, Hannah, Rebecca, Harriet and Catharine.

John Deibler, son of George, was born in Shamokin township in 1836. He learned the trade of stone and brick mason, which he followed until he was about forty years old, after which he devoted himself to farming, on property he still owns, about a half mile south of Deibler's station. He retired in the year 1903, moving to Snyderstown, where he now makes his home. Mr. Deibler has long been a staunch Republican in political sentiment, and he served the Union as a soldier during the Civil war. He was township treasurer before his removal to Snyderstown. To him and his wife, Sarah (Reed), daughter of John I. and Sarah (Arter) Reed, have been born nine children, namely: Grant, who died in infancy; Almeda, married to Frank Wighington, of Snyderstown; Amos K.; William F., who is now superintendent of boiler works at San Francisco, Cal.; John E., a contractor and builder, of South Carolina; H. S., living in Sunbury, this county; Thomas J., of Snyderstown; George W., and Agnes. The two last named are still living with their parents.

Amos K. Deibler received his early education in the public schools of the home locality. Later he attended Bucknell University, from which he

was graduated in 1899, with the degree of A. B., and for a year after he taught the high school at Turbutville, meantime reading law with C. B. Witmer, Esq., at Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1902, and in the fall of that year established himself in the borough of Shamokin. His offices are in the Masonic Temple building. At the election held Nov. 7, 1907, Mr. Deibler was chosen to the office of district attorney by a majority of 2,265, and had the distinction of being the first successful Republican candidate for the office in thirty-six years. This circumstance alone would indicate the measure of his popularity and the confidence in which he is held by those among whom he is pursuing his life work.

Mr. Deibler is very well known in the fraternal bodies in Shamokin, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 265, R. A. M.; in Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; in the Temple Club; the I. O. O. F.; the Red Men; the Sons of Veterans; the F. O. E.; and the P. O. S. of A. His religious connection is with the Methodist church.

On April 24, 1901, Mr. Deibler married Ella Farrow, daughter of William and Isabella (Wilkinson) Farrow, and they have had one daughter, Isabella.

SAMUEL H. RUTHRAUFF, one of the leading contractors of Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that borough since 1882. He began business on his own account in 1894, and has been identified with a number of important building operations, his work standing the tests for substantial and reliable construction. Mr. Ruthrauff was born in Union county, Pa., on Little Buffalo creek, Oct. 12, 1845, and is a son of Daniel Ruthrauff and grandson of Henry Ruthrauff.

Henry Ruthrauff was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1767, and spent his earlier life in his native State. Going to Baltimore, Md., he learned shipbuilding, and continued to live there until about 1795, when he settled in Union county, Pa., at the junction of Little Buffalo and Big Buffalo creeks. He moved from Baltimore by wagon, and was considered a wealthy man in his day, having two "kegs" full of gold money when he came into this region. He had a tract of about three hundred acres in White Deer township, and was one of the earliest settlers in that district. He followed farming the remainder of his life, cleared all his land, built a barn on his place, and about 1815 put up a frame house thereon, which is still standing and in a good state of preservation. Mr. Ruthrauff died June 3, 1824, quite suddenly, while engaged in hewing a watering trough out of a log. His wife, Magdeline Renninger, a native of Cumberland county, Pa., born May 20, 1768, died June 5, 1838, and they are buried at old







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White Deer Church. He was a Lutheran, a member and supporter of White Deer Church, and a strict man in his own life and in the discipline of his children. He and his wife were the parents of a family of fourteen, several of whom died young, of smallpox, and were buried in the garden near the home. We have record of the following: Elizabeth married John High; Henry married Elizabeth Seibert, and after living for a time in Union county they moved to Seneca Falls, where he died; Sallie married William Dieffenbacher, and they lived near Salladasburg, Pa.; David lived in New York State; Samuel married a Miss Pontius and they lived near Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Nancy married Jacob Buser and they moved to Warren, Ill. (she lived to be ninety-three years, six months old); Solomon married Lydia Millhouse and moved out to Freeport, Ill., where he accumulated a large fortune; Hannah married George Matthews, and they lived and died at Canoga, N. Y.; Daniel was the father of Samuel H. Ruthrauff.

Daniel Ruthrauff was born May 29, 1813, in Union county, and in his youth learned the carpenter's trade, becoming a skillful woodworker. He had an inventive mind and possessed mechanical genius of a high order and a good intellect, but he never developed his abilities to any extent or made great profits out of his undoubted talents. He invented the fly net cutting machine, and having shown it to a family who foresaw its possibilities was asked to let them keep it a few days. They stole the invention, had it patented, and became rich in its manufacture. Mr. Ruthrauff was a useful citizen, taking an intelligent interest in all the affairs of his day, in which he was something of a leader, being a lieutenant of the McEwensville Light Horse Cavalry in its palmy days, and the last captain of the old State militia. He was courageous, patriotic and public-spirited, a man who held the respect of all who knew him. In his earlier life a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the new party, and in religion he was a Methodist. He served many years as school director of White Deer township. Mr. Ruthrauff married Judith Ann High, who was born Jan. 6, 1815, daughter of Samuel High, and died Nov. 21, 1902, on the sixty-third anniversary of her marriage. Mr. Ruthrauff died Nov. 3, 1876, and they are buried at Pomfret Manor cemetery, Sunbury. They had the following children: William H. died in infancy; Mary C. married Joseph Nicklin (he was captured while serving in the Confederate army and taken to Elmira, where he remained until exchanged, after which he fought in a New York regiment); Samuel H. is mentioned below; David L. died when four years old; Annie married John W. Hummer and lived in Rush township, Northumberland county (she died July 16, 1886, the

mother of Mother L., Dora A., M. Abbie, Morris and Virginia); Daniel R., who is now an invalid, living in Sunbury, married Sarah Doek, of Snyder county, and they have a daughter, Ida L.; Didama P. is unmarried.

Samuel H. Ruthrauff was born and reared on the old Ruthrauff homestead and received his education in the country schools of the locality. He was trained to carpentry from early boyhood, and when twenty years old began to follow it as a journeyman, in the oil regions in Venango county, this State. In 1882 he came to Sunbury and became foreman for George Keffer, contractor, for whom he worked a number of years, in 1894 beginning to take contracts on his own account. Since that time he has filled many important contracts. He has built the two United Evangelical churches; the Catholic church and rectory; the A. W. Pontius store and residence; the fine residences of the two members of the firm of Blank & Gottshall; two of the leading school buildings of the borough—the Lloyd T. Rohrbach building (1909), and the Francis E. Drumbheller building (1910), said to be one of the finest buildings in the eastern part of the State; and many other structures—about four hundred all told. While in the employ of Mr. Keffer he worked all over the State, but his work has been principally in Sunbury since he began business for himself. He is one of the most progressive and energetic business men in the borough, thoroughly up-to-date in his line, in which he is considered a most reliable authority. He served nine years as a member of the council from the Eighth ward, and was chairman of the street committee three years, a position for which he proved himself highly qualified. Mr. Ruthrauff has had a most successful career, and his prosperity has been brought about by the most honorable methods and creditable transactions, gaining him the confidence and respect of his patrons and all who know him.

On Dec. 23, 1875, Mr. Ruthrauff married Lydia Hummer, daughter of Joseph Hummer (who came from New Jersey) and sister of John W. Hummer. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Ruthrauff worship at the Methodist Church, and socially he belongs to Lodge No. 96, B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 620, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Malta (charter member), all of Sunbury. Politically he is a Republican. His home is at No. 101 Catawissa avenue.

REV. JOHN F. RUTHRAUFF (brother of Henry Ruthrauff, mentioned above as grandfather of Samuel H. Ruthrauff, of Sunbury) was a pioneer missionary minister and head of a famous family of American Lutheran pastors, his sons Frederick and Jonathan becoming eminent preachers (the former serving congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania and Maryland for nearly forty years, and the latter



serving for twenty-five years), and his grandson William P. filling important pulpits in Ohio and Indiana; his great-grandson, Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D. D., was the honored president of Carthage and Wittenberg Colleges.

John F. Ruthrauff was born Jan. 14, 1764, in Northampton county, Pa., and his parents were pious German immigrants who early impressed him with religious truths. He did not commence his regular theological training, however, until 1790, and he preached his first sermon in 1793. During the next two years he had charge of several churches in York county, and subsequently preached for a season at Carlisle. His biographer tells us that in June, 1795, "he received and accepted a call for the Green Castle congregation and several others, in some of which he labored upwards of forty years." His charge embraced McConnellsburg, Loudon, Mercersburg, Waynesboro, Quincey, Smoketown, Jacob's Church and several in Washington county, Md. He also preached in the neighborhood of Emmitsburg, Md., and for a time at Chambersburg, and continued to supply the congregation at Carlisle and another about twelve miles from Harrisburg. This was distant from his home about fifty miles, and he made the journey once every month. Some of his congregations were fifteen or twenty miles apart, and a high mountain separated two of the churches he had to serve on the same Sabbath. As soon as he left the pulpit he mounted his horse, with his dinner in his hand, that he might be able to meet the second appointment of the day. He had a vigorous constitution and great powers of endurance, so that he was well fitted for the work of the missionary pioneer. A score or more ministers are now engaged in serving the field which Mr. Ruthrauff then occupied alone. This devoted servant of the Master continued his labors as pastor until the year before his death. He died Dec. 18, 1837, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His last words were "Victory, victory, the Lord is here."—The above is taken from the "Lutheran Woman's Work," September, 1909.

MARK L. SWAB, of Sunbury, deputy county treasurer of Northumberland county, has been serving in his present position since Jan. 1, 1909, under Treasurer William M. Lloyd. Previously he had made a high reputation in the milling business and ranked among the most progressive and successful young business men of the borough, where he has resided since 1902. Mr. Swab is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., born Jan. 18, 1880, at Elizabethville, and comes of an old family of that section whose members have occupied high place in business and political circles for many years.

Eli Swab, son of John Jacob Swab and grandfather of Mark L. Swab, took a very prominent

part in the affairs of Dauphin county. He served several terms as county commissioner and was known as Republican leader of the upper end of the county. One of his sons, Philip C. Swab, filled the office of register and recorder for two terms and was otherwise identified with public matters in Dauphin county during his residence there. Subsequently he removed to Hartranft, Tenn., where he became interested in the coal and mining business, his son, Daniel C. Swab, becoming his associate in that line. The latter was admitted to the bar and attained an eminent position, being now State senator from Tennessee.

Allen Swab, son of Eli, was born March 17, 1845. He is a prominent citizen of Elizabethville, Dauphin county, and connected with some of the most important industrial and financial institutions of his region, being treasurer of the Eagle Tanning Company, of Elizabethville, and a director of the First National Bank of Millersburg, that county. He was formerly president of the Lykens Valley Bank of Elizabethville. He is a large owner of real estate, his holdings including part of the original Swab homestead in the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, upon which the pioneer of the family in that section, Jacob Schwab, located about the time of the Revolution, coming from Reading, Berks county. Mr. Swab owns 100 acres of the homestead place, which was a tract of 241 acres, for which his ancestor paid nine hundred pounds in English money. He is a man of proved ability, conservative but progressive, one who holds the confidence of his fellow citizens and is looked upon as a substantial and reliable member of the community in every respect. He is a staunch Republican, and has held a number of local public offices.

Mr. Swab married Ann Eliza Lehman, daughter of John and Dinah (Koppenhaver) Lehman, the former a farmer of Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and they have had three children: Laura M., deceased, who was the wife of Rev. W. Penn Barr, of Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.; Elenora, married to I. W. Matter and living in West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa.; and Mark L.

Mark L. Swab lived on the old Swab homestead until he was sixteen years old, and received his early education in the common schools of Elizabethville. He subsequently entered the University of Philadelphia, where he took the business course, graduating in 1899, and was later a student at the Banks Business College in Philadelphia. For two years Mr. Swab was in the employ of the United States Express Company at Wilmington, Del., as billing clerk, and for three years after completing his commercial training he was with the Eagle Tanning Company at Elizabethville, as secretary. Selling out his interests in that concern, he came to Sunbury in 1902, and for about a year thereafter was engaged by the Susquehanna Silk Mill





as bookkeeper. He then entered the milling business, leasing the historic old Haas mill, which he conducted for a period of five and a half years as the Sunbury Roller Mills, making a decided success of the venture. This mill was built in 1837 by McCarty & Davis, in the extreme eastern end of Sunbury near Shamokin creek, near the site where, before 1774, stood the first mill erected within the present limits of Northumberland county. It is a substantial brick structure, and the milling was done originally, perforce, by water power. The equipment was changed from time to time to keep up with the progress of the day, and in 1887 was remodeled to a modern system. During Mr. Swab's ownership it had all facilities necessary for an up-to-date flour mill, and the capacity was sixty barrels daily. His product had a high reputation and was in steady demand.

Mr. Swab, like most of his family, has been active in politics, and he is regarded as one of the local leaders of the party, for which he has worked faithfully in many contests. He served two years as member of the borough council of Sunbury, and during his second year was president of that body, being chosen to that honorable position after a fierce fight between the two factions. He is at present giving his energies to the duties of deputy county treasurer. Mr. Swab is one of the most prominent young men in Sunbury, well known socially as well as in business and official circles. He is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, Sunbury; and of the Modern Woodmen. He and his family belong to the Lutheran Church.

On May 25, 1904, Mr. Swab married Kate A. M. Stanley, daughter of Dr. A. G. Stanley, of Lykens, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Arlene May.

**GEORGE O. ROBERTS**, D. D. S., of Shamokin, practicing dentist and secretary of the Shamokin Dental Protective Society, is well known to the public and the profession in his chosen line of work. He has been located in Shamokin since 1901.

Dr. Roberts was born Nov. 13, 1868, at Savannah, Ga., where his father and grandfather lived and died. Henry Roberts, his father, was a well known business man of Savannah, being the leading spirit of the Savannah Brick Manufacturing Company; the grandfather was also a brick manufacturer. Henry Roberts died in September, 1901, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Mary (Puder), a native of New Orleans, La., still makes her home in Savannah. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had six children: William H., who is now in New York; George O.; Lottie, wife of Dr. E. H. Rawles, living in North Dakota; Ada, wife of W.

C. Gugel, of Mobile, Ala.; Nellie, Mrs. Kahler, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Josephine, at home.

George O. Roberts received his preparatory education in the schools of his native city. For his professional training he went to the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated in 1891. He began practice at Asheville, N. C., where he was located for seven years, spending the next three years in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. He also spent some time at Baltimore and Williamsport before settling, in September, 1901, at Shamokin, where he succeeded to the practice of Dr. A. A. Lay. Dr. Roberts does all kinds of mechanical and operative dentistry, being thoroughly skilled in all the branches of his profession, as the result of both training and experience. He devotes all his time and attention to its duties, and has built up a remarkably good practice, his work having the highest reputation. He has fine offices in the Llewellyn building, and his equipment is modern and complete. The Doctor is up-to-date in all that pertains to his work, and the Shamokin Dental Protective Society was organized in his office; he is serving as secretary of that body. The Doctor is lecturing knight for Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355, of which he is a prominent member.

In 1907 Dr. Roberts married Jeanne May, daughter of the late Maj. James May, of Shamokin, and they have one daughter, Louisa. They reside at No. 223 Franklin street.

**WILLIAM J. HIGGINS**, of Mount Carmel, where he has been engaged in the furniture, undertaking and livery business for almost thirty years, is undoubtedly one of the best known citizens of his section of Northumberland county. During his long residence in the borough he has become interested in other lines of business, having since 1905 been a director of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and he has numerous social connections.

Mr. Higgins is a grandson of William Higgins, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, some ninety years ago and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa. He was one of the pioneer settlers at Tamaqua, that region being in its primitive condition when he first made his home there.

John F. Higgins, son of William, was born in 1837 in Tamaqua, and was long a well known resident of Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1893. He learned the trade of molder, which he followed for some years, later, however, engaging in the shoe business. He served as tax collector of Shenandoah in 1891 and 1892, and was quite active in the work of the Democratic party in his locality. He married Margaret Franey, and to them were born the following named children: Alice, wife of Edward Ratchford, of Shenandoah, Pa.; William J.; John F., Jr., of





Shenandoah, who served as State senator from the Thirtieth Senatorial district; George J., of Shamokin, local agent of the Philadelphia & Reading road and also agent of the United States Express Company; Melissa M.; James C.; Nellie E.; Kate M.; Charles C.; and Julia A. Most of this family live in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

William J. Higgins was born Dec. 11, 1861, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, where he received his early education. He then entered Villanova College, near Philadelphia, and in 1881 came to Mount Carmel, where he has since been located. He embarked in the furniture, undertaking and livery business, being one of the first in the borough to engage in undertaking, which has to the present been his specialty. He did not long continue the furniture line. During the thirty years he has been located in Mount Carmel he has conducted about thirty-five hundred funerals. He built his place of business, at No. 40 South Market street, in 1882, and his residence is next door. Mr. Higgins's business has brought him into contact with many citizens of this vicinity, in all the walks of life, and his efficient services and progressive methods, no less than his estimable personality, have won him the respect of all with whom he has had dealings in any of the relations of life. He is a director of the Anthracite Building and Loan Association, the oldest institution of its kind in Mount Carmel, and since 1905 has been connected with the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company in the same capacity. He has served in the council as representative from the Third ward, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Higgins is treasurer of the local organization of the Foresters; treasurer of Aerie No. 644, F. O. E.; member of the Eagles Home Association; of the A. O. H.; the Sons of Veterans; and the Knights of Columbus. He is a Catholic in religious faith and a member of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

On Sept. 14, 1887, Mr. Higgins married Mary McGailey, and to them have been born seven children: Margaret, William, Aloysius, Ignatius, John, Mary and Sarah.

DAVID C. WOLF, senior member of the Sunbury Construction Company, contractors and builders of the borough of Sunbury, was born Dec. 23, 1864, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, on the old Wolf homestead.

Mr. Wolf's first direct ancestor in this county was his great-grandfather, Nicholas Wolf, but there is earlier record of those of the name here, one John Wolf, who lived in Mahanoy township, having made his last will and testament March 7, 1784, and died in April, 1784. His brother George and Robert Martin, Esq., were his executors, and it appears that John had no children, but left all his estate to the children of his brother

George, namely: Henry, John, George and Philip. If these Wolfs were of the same family as the forefathers of David C. Wolf the records at hand do not show the connection.

Nicholas Wolf was a native of Lehigh county, where he lived upon and owned land in White Hall township upon which the Lehigh county almshouse is located. It is considered to be among the best agricultural land in that county. About 1812 he brought his family from Lehigh county to Northumberland county, settling near Seven Points, in what is now Rockefeller township, on a farm later owned by Peter Oyster. On May 22, 1815, Nicholas Wolf agreed to pay Philip Weiser \$113.35 on or before May 1, 1820, five year judgment note; under same date, May 22, 1815, appears, Nicholas Wolf, \$225, judgment note, double; another, \$775.52. Nicholas Wolf and his family were Lutherans, and are buried in the old cemetery at Lantz's church. The older children—if not all—of the family were born in Lehigh county, before the removal to Northumberland. We have the following record of the family: Abraham was the grandfather of David C. Wolf and is mentioned below; Joel, born Aug. 27, 1805, was a farmer, and lived near the Cross Road church in Rockefeller township, and he is buried at that church, where the record shows that he died Jan. 25, 1895 (his wife, Mary M., born Aug. 13, 1811, died Feb. 20, 1901); John lived in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township; Thomas B., born Feb. 26, 1809, lived in Rockefeller township, died April 2, 1864, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church (his wife, Susanna, died Nov. 28, 1887, aged seventy-five years, two months, sixteen days); Henry settled at Red Bank, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Polly was Mrs. Bacon; another daughter married Israel Steffen; Betsy married William Bartholomew; Hannah married Daniel Conrad; Christian married John Crisinger.

Abraham Wolf, son of Nicholas, was born Jan. 22, 1794, in Lehigh county, came with the family to Northumberland county, and became a farmer, living near Seven Points, on a place of about 150 acres which he owned and which is now the property of Ira B. Clement. He died Aug. 26, 1881, and is buried at Lantz's church. He was a Lutheran, as was also his wife, Susanna (Fasold), who was born Oct. 8, 1798, at 10 o'clock in the morning, was baptized Oct. 18th, same year, in the Lutheran faith, sponsors Johannes Slichter and his wife Dorothea, and died Jan. 24, 1873. Their children were as follows: John died in Rockefeller township; Lydia married Henry Malich; Jonathan died July 14, 1874, aged forty-six years, eight months, twenty-five days, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church; Maria married Henry Bloom; Reuben is mentioned below; Gideon, born Feb. 13, 1832, lived in Sunbury, and died June



24, 1909 (his wife Rebecca, born June 22, 1828, died May 24, 1909, and they are buried at the Cross Road church); Aaron; Peter; Samuel married Eliza Zartman and they live in Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry is unmarried and lives at Stella, Nebr.; Louisa married Theodore Chester, of Sunbury.

Reuben Wolf was born Jan. 21, 1830, on his father's farm in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and passed the greater part of his life on that place, which had been in the Wolf name for many years. It is located in what is now Rockefeller township, five miles east of Sunbury, and contains 130 acres of valuable land, which Mr. Wolf cultivated profitably, being a prosperous farmer throughout his active years. Some three years before his death he retired and moved into the borough of Sunbury, where he died Oct. 8, 1910, when over eighty years old. He is buried in the new cemetery at Lantz's church, of which church he was in his later life a Lutheran member.

Mr. Wolf married Harriet Zartman, who died young, and is buried at Lantz's church. By this union there were two children: A daughter who died when small; and Mary Alice, wife of John Martz, of Sunbury. Mr. Wolf married Mary Hauck, who was born in 1831, daughter of David and Anna (Lantz) Hauck, of Rockefeller township. Mrs. Wolf, now (1911) in her eighty-first year, makes her home in Sunbury with her son David. The following children were born to this marriage: Clara, living in Sunbury, widow of William Kniss (she had children, Lloyd, Clayton, Algie and Anthony); David C.; Ammon, who died in childhood; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Gass (she had children, Herman, Daisy, Irwin, Margaret and Clara); Anthony, deceased, who married Emma Fasold (left six children, Harry, Esther, Mary, Joseph, Florence and Ruth); Amelia, wife of Irwin Hornberger, of Rockefeller township (had children, Dolan, Ada and Grace); and S. Gilbert, of Sunbury (who has a son Charles).

David C. Wolf attended the public schools of the home locality and worked on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-five years. At that time he took up the carpenter's trade, which he learned under John Schreffler, and continued to follow that calling as a journeyman until he formed his present partnership with William B. Eister, in the year 1905. They do business under the firm name of the Sunbury Construction Company. Besides general contracting and building, they deal in lumber and building material and engage to a considerable extent in the cement block business. The office and yard is at No. 128 Awl street, Sunbury. The Sunbury Construction Company has erected a number of residences in the borough, as well as buildings of other kinds,

including the "Aldine Hotel," and has considerable repair work. The business has developed so that twenty men are given steady employment, and the firm is gaining a high reputation for substantial and workmanlike construction and thorough reliability in the completion of all contracts.

Mr. Wolf is well known in local fraternal circles, being a member of Lodge No. 131, Woodmen of the World; of Circle No. 28, an auxiliary of the Woodmen of the World; and of Tribe No. 186, I. O. R. M. He attends the Reformed Church.

In 1897 Mr. Wolf married Jennie H. Keefer, who was born in 1866, daughter of Samuel Keefer, and died in 1899; she is buried at Lantz's church. In 1905 he married (second) Nora Startzel, of Snyderstown, this county, who died in 1907, at the age of twenty-eight years, and was buried at Snyderstown. He has no family.

FRANK J. G. SMITH, general superintendent of the Mount Carmel factory of the Cumberland Shirt Manufacturing Company, is a young man of enterprise and ability and worthy of the responsible position in which he has been retained for several years. The business of the company has more than quadrupled since he first came to Mount Carmel in its interest, but he has shown himself able to meet the increased demands and has not only kept peace with the business but anticipated many important changes.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 27, 1874, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Joseph G. and Margaret T. (Ney) Smith. His father was born March 18, 1849, in Pottsville, that county, and lived there until six months after he attained his majority. In 1870 he located at Ashland, where he found employment with Wesley Manley, under whom he learned carriage building and wagon making. On March 18, 1874, he engaged in that business at Ashland on his own account, and has continued same to the present, being one of the most substantial and respected citizens of that place. He has been elected to various local offices, having served as councilman, school director and tax collector of the borough, filling the latter office (to which he was elected in 1890) three years. He is vice-president of the Tax Payers' Association, and has long been a prominent member of the Washington Fire Company, which he joined in 1876 and which he has served as president, being now vice-president of the company. He is a member of the Catholic Church and a Democrat in political opinion.

On Jan. 8, 1874, Mr. Smith married Margaret T. Ney, who was born March 30, 1854, in Schuylkill county, Pa., daughter of Jacob Ney, and died Aug. 15, 1903. There were twelve children by this union, born as follows: Frank J. G., Oct. 27, 1874; Barbara M., June 10, 1876; Anna J., March 17, 1878; William A., Aug. 14, 1879 (died





young); William L., Dec. 31, 1880; Stella T., Sept. 30, 1882 (died young); Margaret R., April 11, 1885 (entered the convent April 24, 1808, and is now known as Sister Rufenia); Josephine M., April 26, 1888; Joseph H., March 24, 1890; Stella N., Feb. 18, 1892; John L., Nov. 17, 1893; Lucy A., Jan. 14, 1896.

Frederick Smith, grandfather of Frank J. G. Smith, was born in Germany, and came to America in 1848, when twenty-four years old. He settled in Pottsville, Pa., and was one of the early miners at that point, where he died when sixty-seven years old. His wife, Barbara M. Taan, was also a native of Germany, and they had a family of five children, viz.: Joseph G., Adam R., Mary T., Theresa J. and Lebold C.

Frank J. G. Smith received his education in the schools of Ashland. After commencing work in earnest he was with his father for two years, after which he was employed by John Dence, selling leathers for a time. He was later in the employ of the Light Company at Ashland for four years before he entered the employ of the concern with which he has since been associated. He was with the company at Ashland until transferred to Mount Carmel, in March, 1905. When he first came here the factory was a comparatively small affair, at Sixth and Oak streets, with equipment and accommodation for sixty hands. In 1907 the present factory, 75 by 80 feet in dimensions, and three stories in height, was erected, and here three hundred and fifty hands are constantly employed in the manufacture of shirts with attached collars. An establishment which affords profitable employment to so large a number, in a community of the size of Mount Carmel, is naturally of the utmost importance, and the prosperity of the factory has a direct influence on the prosperity of the borough. Mr. Smith, as general manager of this extensive plant, not only occupies an important relation to its owners, but to the local industrial situation and his fellow citizens in Mount Carmel generally. His stability and thorough efficiency have won him good standing among business men, and personally he holds the respect of all who know him.

On April 27, 1896, Mr. Smith married Rosie Seltzer, and they have the following children: Joseph, Francis, May, Raymond, Frederick, Rosie and Hilda.

In religious connection Mr. Smith is a Catholic, and fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Red Men, in which latter order he is quite prominent, having served as district deputy. He is a Democrat in political sympathy, but takes no active part in politics or public affairs.

**HOOVER.** The name Hoover, well known in various parts of Northumberland county, was or-

iginally Huber, and according to Professor Kuhns is derived from an old German word, "hutre," implying possession of a small tract of land or a farm, which would indicate that the family are descended from a sturdy race of Swiss farmers, the original home of the Hubers having been in the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. Their records date back eight hundred years. In America the name has undergone various changes in spelling, and we have Huver, Hover, Hooper and Hoover.

Nearly fifty Hubers landed at Philadelphia prior to the war for independence. Twenty-five more came to America (landing at Philadelphia) before 1749, the first being Hans Ulrich Huber, who landed Aug. 19, 1729. On Sept. 21, 1732, there arrived four brothers, Christian, Hans, Hans Martin and Jacob, the two last named being under sixteen years of age. Jacob, the youngest, settled in Bucks county, and there is record of a deed for property in Plumstead township, that county, to Jacob Huber, 1748. In 1751 a son, Henry, was born to him.

Henry Huber, born in 1751, son of Jacob, married Margaret Kern, and they lived somewhere in Hilltown township, Bucks county, where five children were born to them: Christian, Jacob, Philip, Elis and Mary. In 1797 Henry Huber moved to Gwynedd township (now Montgomery county), settling on a farm of two hundred acres which he bought of George Maris for eighteen hundred pounds. After his death, which occurred April 9, 1809, the farm was divided into two tracts, of one hundred acres each, the old homestead part going to the son Philip, the other to the son Jacob. Margaret (widow of Henry) died Nov. 27, 1813, aged sixty-one years, nine months, 29 days. The daughter Elis married John Rile; the daughter Mary married William Kneidler.

Philip Hoover, son of Henry, was born July 20, 1782, and was a prominent man in his day. He was involved in the rebellion precipitated by the Alien and Sedition laws passed during the Adams administration, and served in the war of 1812. He was a captain of volunteers when only eighteen years old, was elected colonel of a regiment of militia, served as a member of the State Legislature, and was a prominent church man, one of the leading members of Boehm's Church, which he served as elder from 1803 to 1809, as deacon from 1810 until 1823, and after 1823 again as elder. On Nov. 13, 1804, he married Mary Conrad, who was born Aug. 23, 1785, daughter of Hon. Frederick Conrad (member of Congress for four years), and died Oct. 17, 1868. To them were born thirteen children, only six of whom, however, reached maturity. The record of this family is as follows: Frederick W., born Jan. 17, 1806; Julian, Sept. 25, 1807 (died Nov. 30, 1808); Susanna, July 14, 1809 (died May 25, 1810); Maria, April 13, 1811; Henry C., April





5, 1813 (died Feb. 7, 1816); twin sons, July 6, 1815 (lived only three days); a daughter, Aug. 25, 1817 (lived only four days); Ann Catharine, March 5, 1819 (died Aug. 20, 1820); Hiram Conrad, Oct. 23, 1822; Albert C., April 5, 1825; Ann Elizabeth, Dec. 11, 1826; Andrew J., Nov. 13, 1828.

Jacob Huber, son of Henry, born Oct. 28, 1787, came to Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, after his marriage, about 1813, settling on a tract of 167 acres, the farm of the late Benjamin Hoover, but now the property of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association, to which it was sold in 1898. Jacob Huber was a lifelong farmer. He and his wife Sarah, born Oct. 24, 1788, are buried at St. Luke's Church, Snyderstown. They were Lutherans in religious faith. We have the following record of their eight children: Harriet, born Dec. 12, 1811, married William Martz and had ten children and thirty-one grandchildren; Margaret, born Aug. 25, 1813, married George Shipe and had eleven children and twenty-three grandchildren; Thomas, born Jan. 16, 1816, died young; Jonathan, born March 29, 1818, had ten children and twenty-seven grandchildren; Andrew, born Jan. 16, 1821, had ten children and eleven grandchildren; Catharine, born June 1, 1823, married Peter Stroh, and had eight children and fifteen grandchildren; Benjamin, born Feb. 2, 1827, had ten children and seven grandchildren; Sarah, born June 28, 1830, died young. This family changed the spelling of the name to Hoover between 1843 and 1845.

Benjamin Huber or Hoover was born Feb. 2, 1827, and passed all his life on the same farm in Upper Augusta township, living and dying at the place of his birth. He purchased the homestead about 1855, and throughout his life was engaged in farming, in which he was successful. He was the first man to run a milk wagon in Sunbury. He was one of the active citizens of his community, serving a number of years as road supervisor (which office he was filling at the time of his death) and also acting as school director; he helped to build the Evert schoolhouse. Politically he was a Republican. He and his wife Margaret (Keefer), daughter of Daniel Keefer, had a family of ten children: Catharine, Reuben F., Annie E., Alice, Elizabeth, Maggie, Lettie, William A. J., George and Clement.

WILLIAM A. J. HOOVER, son of Benjamin, was born May 28, 1863, in Upper Augusta township, and received his education in the local schools. He was reared to farming, but for seven years was engaged in railroading on the Reading road, becoming an engineer. He resigned, however, for the good of his health, and bought the old Coter-man homestead of 173 acres in Upper Augusta, upon which place he has farmed since April, 1899.

He is engaged in the wholesale dairy business as well as in general agricultural work, and has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, having served as roadmaster since 1903. He served two terms as school director, resigning from that office. Mr. Hoover is a Republican in political opinion. He is a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

In 1888 Mr. Hoover married Laura C. McWilliams, sister of Curtis Q. McWilliams, of Shamokin, and a native of Paxinos, Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have had nine children: Blanche E., who married Howard Emrich, of Shamokin; Benjamin S., deceased in infancy; Alma C.; Curtis McW.; Eva M.; Lettie R., deceased in infancy; William Paul; Walter R.; and Mary E.

John Hoover, possibly of the same origin as the Hoovers previously mentioned, was born in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania in 1780 and lived for many years in Northumberland county, dying near Reed's station, in Shamokin township, Oct. 11, 1854. He was a farmer and very successful, owning three farms, one of which is now the property of R. S. Aucker and another owned by a Duttinger. He was a Lutheran member of the "Brick" (Reed's) Church, where both his wives are buried. His first marriage was to Margaret Ritter, who died Nov. 11, 1828, aged forty-four years, the mother of eight children: Samuel is mentioned later in this article; Joseph married Mattie Katerman and had eight children; John married Elizabeth Wolverton and had four children; Annie married George Krick and had six children; Thomas married Katie Krigbaum and had four children; Rebecca married George Keller and had two children; William married Louisa Baldy and had six children; Solomon married Ellen Brooks and (second) Sallie Fredericks and had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

For his second wife Mr. Hoover married Mary Harman, who died Nov. 25, 1883, aged eighty-four years, six months, twelve days; her mother, Elizabeth, lived in the neighborhood above Bloomsburg. Eight children were born to John and Mary (Harman) Hoover, viz.: Louisa married Daniel Yost; J. Harman lived at Pottsville, later at Ashland and Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Henry is a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Isaac, of Holton, Kans.; Luther, of Williamsport, Pa.; George, of Holton, Kans.; Francis is mentioned below; Amelia married Azariah Campbell.

Francis Hoover, insurance broker of Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born Aug. 8, 1842, in Shamokin township, and there grew to manhood. He received the advantages afforded by the local public schools, but he is a self-made man, having made his own way from boyhood and risen to a substantial position through his own efforts.



In 1859 he commenced to learn carpentering, which he followed for eight years in all, and for another eight years was engaged at pattern-making. For the next sixteen years he had a store at No. 19 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, carrying on a mercantile business, but he was obliged to abandon that line on account of his health, withdrawing from it in 1892. For several years he was engaged in city work, being clerk of the poor district and for eight years health inspector, and in 1909 he entered the fire insurance business, in which he has established a profitable patronage.

Mr. Hoover has been active in the various organizations of a social, fraternal or religious nature with which he has been identified. He is a Methodist and served many years as trustee of the church, being long secretary of the board of trustees. He is one of the two surviving charter members of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member since 1865, and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows Encampment. Politically he is an independent Republican.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Mr. Hoover married Mary E. Lewis, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Douty) Lewis, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had a family of seven children: Charles, born Feb. 4, 1867, died June 1, 1867; George W., born Sept. 11, 1869, died in April, 1870; John Frederick, born May 23, 1874, died Aug. 7, 1874; Mary E., born Oct. 10, 1876, married G. A. Buck, who is station agent at Sunbury; Elmira R., born Sept. 7, 1879, married J. T. Shoener, a printer at Shamokin; Bessie A., born April 28, 1883, is unmarried and keeps house for her father; Raymond F. is mentioned below. The mother of this family died Dec. 15, 1907, aged sixty-three years, three months, three days.

RAYMOND F. HOOVER, son of Francis, was born Nov. 22, 1887, and acquired his education in Shamokin, attending the high school. When seventeen years old, on Jan. 6, 1905, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Sunbury, as clerk, and on May 14, 1909, received promotion for merit to his present position, that of chief clerk at the Reading freight station in Sunbury. Four men are employed at the station. Mr. Hoover has proved himself a reliable young man, and he is respected for his industry and capability.

On Sept. 14, 1909, Mr. Hoover married Lillie M. Wetzel, daughter of Nathan G. and Kate (Eyster) Wetzel, of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are members of the First United Evangelical Church at Sunbury.

Samuel Hoover, son of John and Margaret (Ritter) Hoover, was born Aug. 26, 1806, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and in his early life followed the cooper's trade. Later

he was engaged in tanning in partnership with his brother Joseph, doing business in Shamokin township for thirty years. After selling his interest in the tannery to Samuel Joseph settled at Bushnell, Ill., where he is buried. In 1867 Samuel Hoover sold out his interest in the tanning business, which is now owned by William F. Kline, and bought a farm upon which he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was an energetic and successful man, active in local affairs, served as overseer of the poor and in many other township offices, and was a member and generous supporter of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Snyderstown. He married Sarah Lee, who was from the Swabian Creek district, born Nov. 12, 1804, in Northumberland county, and died March 27, 1872, just a month after her husband, whose death occurred Feb. 26, 1872. He is buried at Snyderstown. Nine children were born to this couple, as follows: Sarah, born March 24, 1833, married William Reed, a farmer, and they lived at Reed's station, in Shamokin township; John, born Aug. 27, 1834, is deceased; Jacob, born April 11, 1836, married Ella Shriver and lives in Bushnell, Ill., a retired hardware merchant and farmer; Margaret, born March 13, 1838, married Lafayette Savidge, and they lived at Plum Creek and later at Snyderstown, where she died, Mr. Savidge afterward continuing to make his home at that place (they are buried at the Eden Church); Mary Ann, born Jan. 10, 1840, married Edison Wolverton and lives at Holton, Kans.; Louisa, born March 28, 1842, was the second wife of Lafayette Savidge, and is also deceased; Eli, born March 16, 1844, married Emma Wolverton and lived across the river at Riverside, Pa., where he died (he is buried at Danville); David, born Oct. 16, 1846, a retired farmer and carpenter of Snyderstown, lives on the old homestead; Harriet, born Jan. 31, 1849, is unmarried and living in Snyderstown.

John Hoover, son of Samuel, was born at Snyderstown Aug. 27, 1834, and before his marriage moved out to Ohio, where he died in 1873 at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years. He is buried at Bloomingville, to which place he had first moved and where he married Hannah Mead, and they lived near North Monroeville, known as "The Prairie," in Erie county, later locating at Wales Corner, four miles east of Clyde, in Sandusky county. He followed farming. He died at Wales Corners, of typhoid fever. His children were: Oliver, who is now a resident of Riverside, Pa.; Wallace A.; Lillian, of Clyde, Ohio, married to Frank Deck (they have no children); Cora, married to Elbert Crockett and living at Marshall, Mo. (they are farming people); and Sarah (called Kitty), unmarried, of Tontogany, Ohio.





WALLACE A. HOOVER, lumber merchant and planing mill operator at Riverside, Pa., was born March 11, 1866, near North Monroeville, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of Wales Corners. He assisted with farm work until he was fifteen years old, at which time he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, following that calling until he reached the age of twenty. Coming to Snyderstown, Pa., he worked for his uncles Eli and Oliver at carpentering, being thus engaged for five years. He then became a partner of the firm of Oliver Hoover & Co., contractors and builders, and besides conducting a planing mill manufactured beehives. This firm did business at Snyderstown for six years, at the end of that period moving to Riverside, where the business was carried on under the same style four years longer. Mr. Hoover and his brother Oliver then bought the business, which they conducted as Hoover Brothers for eleven years, Mr. Wallace A. Hoover becoming sole proprietor, by purchase, in March, 1906. He has since continued the business alone, and gives employment to twenty men. Mr. Hoover does general contracting and building, and has the only lumberyard on the south side of the river; his post office is Riverside, and he resides on Gearhart street, in that borough, where he is regarded as a substantial and valuable citizen. He is at present serving as school director, and while living at Snyderstown filled the office of assessor. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. Hoover holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., Danville Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., also of Danville.

Mr. Hoover married Emma C. Deibler, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Reed) Deibler, of Snyderstown. They have no children.

GEORGE M. KERSTETTER, a farmer in the upper Plum creek district of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born Oct. 5, 1850, in Cameron township, where his father was born and where his grandfather settled at an early day.

One George Kerstetter came to this country from Germany, and settled near Shamokin, in Northumberland county, where he owned 250 acres of valuable land at what is now Ferndale, where he died. The old Nelson and Last Chance collieries were located upon this tract, which at one time was valued at six million dollars.

John Kerstetter, son of George, was born at what is now Ferndale, near Shamokin, in Coal township, and lived in that township until his removal to Cameron township. His homestead there is now occupied by his son Abraham. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed farming, owning considerable land, now divided into three

farms. That part where Abraham Kerstetter now makes his home was the homestead; another son, Adam, had a second part, which he sold to Nathan Latshaw; and Elias Derk, a son-in-law, has the third part. Mr. Kerstetter was a leading man among the early settlers in that region. Physically he was tall and slim. He is buried at St. Paul's Church in Cameron township, of which church he was a Lutheran member and active in its work, serving in the church council. To him and his wife Polly (Raker) were born children as follows: John F., of Cameron township, who had a large family; Simon; Salome, who married Jacob Weikel; Susan, who married George Latshaw; Catharine, who married Elias Derk; Eliza, who married Daniel Kobel; Adam of Coal township; and Abraham, of Cameron township.

Simon Kerstetter, son of John, was born Jan. 17, 1825, in what is now Cameron township, where he grew to manhood and resided until 1860, farming on his father's land. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed during his earlier manhood. From 1860 he farmed in Rockefeller township, owning and residing upon the farm now owned by his son George M. Kerstetter, a fertile tract of sixty acres situated in the Plum creek valley. There he resided for forty-four years, dying March 7, 1904. He is buried at the Emanuel Evangelical Church at Wolf's Cross Road in Rockefeller township. During the Civil war he served on the Union side as a member of Company H, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. His wife, Hannah (Maurer), was born May 20, 1825, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Hornberger) Maurer, of Little Mahanoy township, and died May 4, 1896. They were the parents of one child, George M.

George M. Kerstetter was ten years old when he came with his parents to Rockefeller township, where he has since resided. He obtained his education in the public schools. Mr. Kerstetter inherited his father's farm, which he has carried on successfully, and has improved the property in various ways since it came into his possession, bringing it up to date and using modern methods in its cultivation and management. He is not only a good farmer but possessed of considerable mechanical ability, and does his own shoemaking. He is a substantial and respected citizen of his community, a creditable representative of a name old and honored in Northumberland county.

On July 2, 1871, Mr. Kerstetter married Sarah Zimmerman, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Schlößig) Zimmerman, of Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had three children: Mary, who died in infancy; William, of Plum Creek; and Emma J., who married W. F. Bittinger, of Sunbury. Mr. Kerstetter and his family are Lutherans, members of Wolf's Cross





Road Church, which he served officially for many years as member of the church council.

Abraham Kerstetter, son of John and Polly (Raker) Kerstetter, was born on the homestead farm, and was reared to farming. Soon after he was twenty years old he began to work in the coal mines at Shamokin, and he has become an experienced miner, having continued to follow the work for a number of years. He helped to build the Burnside breaker, and worked at that colliery as well as at Bear Valley and Trevorton. When quite young he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for some years in Cameron township, while living on the homestead. He now lives on part of his father's property, in Cameron township. He is a Democrat in politics, was supervisor of Cameron township for many years, and has been prominent in the administration of the affairs of St. Paul's Church, in Cameron township, of which he and his family are members, and in which he has held office for over a quarter of a century. His wife, Lydia Ann Derk (Derck), is a daughter of Daniel and ——— (Wheary) Derk, farming people of Cameron township; Mr. Derk was also a gunsmith and a man of general mechanical ability, having a little shop for his work of this kind. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kerstetter; Katie, who is unmarried; Francis; Emeline, who died when eighteen years old; Peter, of Cameron township; Harry, of Cameron township; Franklin D., of Cameron township; Hettie, Mrs. George Wheary; John D., of Cameron township; and Sallie, who died aged thirteen years.

Francis Kerstetter, son of Abraham, was born Nov. 13, 1865, in Cameron township, was reared on the farm, and has made his living practically since he was eight years old. At that tender age he began work about the coal mines as slate picker, then looked after the feeding gates, oiled wagons, drove mules and eventually became a conductor on the "dinkey" engine, bringing coal from the mines to the breaker. He then drove inside and brought coal out of the earth; drove wagons outside, and dumped wagons, working around the mines for twenty-four years in all, during which he was a regular miner for many years. When about sixteen he was earning a man's wages. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Kerstetter settled down to farming on the place he has since occupied in Rockefeller township, having ninety acres (formerly the Peter M. Reitz farm) in a high state of cultivation. He is an energetic man, proficient in the use of tools, makes his own harness and also does his own shoemaking, and frequently does work in the latter line for neighbors. Since 1904 he has also acted as agent for a fertilizer company, selling ninety tons of fertilizer per annum.

In November, 1888, Mr. Kerstetter married Sarah S. Henninger, daughter of Nathan Henninger, of Cameron township, and they have had seven children: William and Harvey (twins, the latter dying in infancy), Nathaniel, Bertha S., Milton, Arabella and Rosa Edna. Mr. Kerstetter and his family worship at the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Democrat, with independent proclivities.

BENJAMIN A. BEALOR, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born April 19, 1879, at Herndon, this county, and is the eldest son of a distinguished medical practitioner of this section, John W. Bealor. He is a member of an old Pennsylvania family long ago identified with Berks county and for several generations with Perry county.

Mark Bealor, the first of this family of whom we have record, lived in Germany until his immigration to America. He first settled in Berks county, Pa., thence moving to Perry county, where he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He served in the Mexican war.

John Bealor, son of Mark, and the next in the line of descent to Dr. Bealor, moved with his father from Berks county to Perry county. He was a farmer by occupation.

Benjamin F. Bealor, son of John, was born in Perry county, and like his father and grandfather became a farmer. He followed agricultural work until his health failed, when he removed to Virginia in the hope of regaining his strength, but the change did not benefit him as he expected, and he returned to Pennsylvania, settling in Philadelphia. He lived retired there until his death, in the fall of 1897. He married Elizabeth Weibley, and they had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Mr. Bealor was a Democrat and active in the politics of his locality, serving as overseer of the poor for two terms; in religion he was a member of the Reformed Church and a worker in the congregation, serving a number of years as deacon.

John W. Bealor, son of Benjamin F., was born March 19, 1854, in Perry county, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools and at the New Bloomfield Academy, from which he was graduated in 1873. He then began to study medicine under Dr. G. A. Richardson, of Newport, Perry county, and took the course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., graduating therefrom with high honors in 1876. His first location for practice was at Ellittsburg, Perry county, where he remained for years, after which he was at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, a year and a half before settling in Shamokin, in May, 1882. Here



he at once entered into a most lucrative general practice, both medical and surgical, and in addition established a large drug store, for the accommodation of his own patrons and also for general prescription work and the sale of pure drugs and druggists' sundries of all kinds. His reputation as a physician and druggist is second to none, and his high personal standing has been won by years of conscientious service to his fellow men. Dr. Bealor is a valued member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, and socially he is well known as a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A.; and the B. P. O. Elks. He is a Democrat in political faith.

Dr. Bealor married Mary C. Albert, daughter of George Albert, and six children were born to them, namely: Benjamin A., Florence E., Quilla E., Henry Mark, Helen Mary and John Watt, the last named dying when two years old.

Benjamin A. Bealor attended public school in Shamokin, including one year in high school, and graduated in 1893 from the Shamokin Business College. For three years he was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Baltimore University School of Medicine, at Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated in 1906, subsequently taking a post-graduate course at the Atlantic Medical College, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1909. Returning to Shamokin at the completion of his course he located at No. 51 North Second street. He is doing excellent work in his profession, and his patronage during his short period of actual practice has been most gratifying. Dr. Bealor is well known among the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen and the Sons of Veterans. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in political sentiment.

On July 30, 1908, Dr. Bealor married Mabel A. Roberts, only daughter of E. E. Roberts, of Sunbury, Pa., and they have a son, John Albert, born May 26, 1910.

**DODGE.** At Northumberland, this county, reside the brothers Charles H. Dodge and William Henry Dodge, both of whom are engaged in business in that borough and included among its substantial citizens. They are sons of Joseph R. Dodge and grandsons of David Stone Dodge.

David Stone Dodge was born in 1783 in the State of New Hampshire, and went from his native State to Kentucky, where he lived until 1824. From there he went to New Jersey and eventually to Northumberland county, Pa., keeping a store at Elysburg some years and thence moving to Northumberland. At the latter place he had a rope manufactory, which he carried on until his death, employing some thirty men in his es-

tablishment, which was the leading industrial concern in the borough in its day. He served a number of years as justice of the peace after coming to Northumberland and was a substantial citizen here as elsewhere; he had valuable property holdings at one time, and left an estate in Kentucky valued at over \$45,000, which his heirs were unable to secure possession of because of the lack of legal proof of their claims. He was a Whig in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. "Squire" Dodge was first married to a Kentucky woman and the second time (in New Jersey or Pennsylvania) to Mary Anderson. To the first union were born eleven children, who are now scattered all over the eastern part of Northumberland county. By his second marriage there were two sons and one daughter, Emeline, Stephen B. and Joseph R. Stephen B. Dodge was a resident of Northumberland, and died in 1906 at the age of seventy-four years; his children were David S., John, Alice, Heinline Stone, Sallie, Harry, Edward, William E. and Fannie. "Squire" Dodge died in 1850, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried in Riverview cemetery, at Northumberland. The Dodge family is of English descent.

Joseph R. Dodge was born July 31, 1836, at Northumberland, where he still makes his home. He received his education in the local schools, and at an early age began working in his father's rope factory, spinning twine before he was twelve years old. In 1868 he became a puddler, working for the Van Alen Company as an iron worker for thirteen years, until he met with an accident which crippled his left hand. He then built himself a store at the corner of Queen and Second streets, in the borough of Northumberland, and engaged in business, dealing in tobacco, confectionery, flour and wheat for many years, finally selling out. For two years thereafter, 1893-94, he was jury commissioner of the county, was then engaged for some time as agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, and in 1905 began driving a bakery wagon for his son, William H. Dodge, who is engaged in the baking business in Northumberland. Mr. Dodge has always been a Republican, and at one time was quite active in the party and in local public affairs, serving nine years as constable of the county, eight years as overseer of the poor, one year as supervisor, and three years as councilman in his borough. He has given efficient and public-spirited service in every capacity, and is a well and favorably known citizen, commanding the esteem of all who know him.

On Dec. 17, 1857, Mr. Dodge married Mary A. Hine, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Hulligan) Hine, of Northumberland, Pa., and they have had six children: Emma, who died when small; Mary J., who died when small; Charles H.; William Henry; Florence M., who died small;





and Harvey O., of Baltimore. Mr. Dodge and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES H. DODGE, dealer in real estate and insurance at Northumberland, where he has built up a creditable business, to which he now gives all his time, was born in the borough of Northumberland Sept. 17, 1867. He attended public school until he reached the age of twelve years, and began work in the Van Alen nail mill at Northumberland, where he was employed until sixteen. At that time he became a pupil at the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating from that school in 1885. Returning home he took a position with the Pennsylvania Railway Company in 1887, in the clerical department at Sunbury, making his residence at Northumberland. He remained with that company until June, 1909, when he gave up his position to devote all his time to his real estate and insurance interests. His office is at No. 228 Queen street. Mr. Dodge had commenced this business some time previously, gradually building up a patronage which has come to require all his time. He began selling insurance first, later dealing in real estate, and he now has a lucrative business in both lines. He is at present handling the Priestly Terrace property, which is very well located near the borough, and which he has been quite successful in selling. Mr. Dodge has filled the office of town clerk of Northumberland for the past fifteen years. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the I. O. O. F., and, with his family, identified with the Lutheran Church.

In June, 1887, Mr. Dodge married Bella Jacoby, daughter of E. R. Jacoby, of Northumberland borough, and they have three children: Florence, Ezra and Mary.

WILLIAM HENRY DODGE, who has been engaged in the bakery business in Northumberland borough since 1905, was born Feb. 1, 1871, at the place where he now lives, and received his education in the local public schools. When fifteen years old he began working in the nail mill, where he was employed six years, until an accident caused the loss of his right eye. From that time until 1898 he teamed and hauled freight, and for the next five years was in the employ of Persing & Cooke, at Arters, this county. He operated a coal digger for Simcox & Dodge for two years, and for about two years was engaged as a janitor, in 1905 purchasing the stock, good will and fixtures of Ralph Mertz, baker, at Northumberland, where he has since been engaged in business. The establishment is known as the Central Bakery, located at Church and Orange streets, and Mr. Dodge now owns the building in which he is located. Though he started with almost nothing, he has managed so thriftily and operated the business so successfully that he is now considered one of the prosperous business

men of the borough, where he has the leading trade in his line. He has the most modern appliances and equipment, and his trade has become so extensive that he employs five men constantly and keeps three teams busy. Mr. Dodge has also become interested in the artificial ice business, running a team the year round. He is a well known man in this section, a member of P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 622, at Northumberland, and of Lodge No. 141, of the Beavers. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1896 he served as supervisor of streets in Northumberland.

On Nov. 11, 1891, Mr. Dodge married Mary J. Housel, daughter of Jacob B. and Harriet L. (Gibbons) Housel, of Northumberland. Six children have been born to them: Joseph R., who is head baker for his father; Margaret E., who died in infancy; Martha H.; George D.; William G., and Mary E. Mr. Dodge and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON, one of the young successful and enterprising business men of Milton, Pa., who has "made good" in every position he has been called upon to fill, now presiding with marked ability and impartiality as president of the town council, was born in that town Nov. 23, 1882, son of Edward W. and Sallie S. (Housel) Johnson.

The early home of the Johnson family was in Northampton, England, and there in the village of Guisborough was born James Johnson, Jan. 24, 1774. He died in Northumberland county, Pa., Aug. 31, 1834. His wife Ann, whom he married in England, was born at Naseby April 2, 1776, and died at Northumberland March 31, 1865. They came to America shortly after their marriage, and settled in this county, where they reared their children. These children were: John, Thomas, George, Samuel, William, James, Elizabeth and Phoebe. Of these, Samuel served in Company B, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died at Annapolis Dec. 19, 1864, at the age of twenty-six years.

Thomas Johnson, son of James, was born in 1808, and died in 1877. He followed farming in Point township, and also operated a saw and grist mill, becoming one of the prominent men of his district. He married Sophia Gibbons, born 1804, died 1876, and both are buried in Northumberland county. Their children were: Amos; Isaiah; Reuben, born in 1834, living in this county; Albert; Edward W.; Josiah; and Hester, who married Joseph Wertz.

Amos Johnson, son of Thomas, was born in 1831, and followed farming in Point township, owning a farm of 170 acres. He died there in 1860, and is buried in the Northumberland cemetery. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Methodist Church. To him and





his wife Mary (Willard) were born the following children: Edward W.; Abbie E., who became the wife of Clement Wallace; Ward W.; Amelia, who married William Warren and died Aug. 9, 1891; and Daniel, who is now living in Oakland, California.

Edward W. Johnson, son of Amos, was born in Point township, this county, Feb. 4, 1853, and died at Milton Nov. 6, 1905; he is buried at Northumberland. He grew to manhood in his native township, but later went to Northumberland and clerked in a general store for a few years, after which he came to Milton, and for some years was employed in the mills as a nailer. Failing health necessitated a change of work, and he bought out William P. Hull's coal yard in 1897. This yard had been established by Thomas Hull, father of William P., and was, as now, located at No. 55 Centre street. Here Mr. Johnson carried on a successful business until his death. He was a man of upright business principles, and had a genial manner that won him many friends. He was enterprising and keenly alive to the needs of the town, and his death was regarded as a loss to the whole community. He married Sallie S. Housel, who resides in Milton. This union was blessed with but one son, Joseph H.

Joseph H. Johnson attended the local schools and graduated from the Milton high school in 1901. He then entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and from which he was graduated in 1905. He had taken up the study of medicine at Philadelphia, but after a few months was summoned home by his father's illness, and he was obliged to take charge of the business. On the death of the father he assumed full control, and he has built up a fine trade.

Mr. Johnson is a staunch Republican, and he has been very active in work for his chosen party. In 1908 he was elected for a three-years' term in the town council, and in 1909 was made president of same. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is at the present time serving as steward. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the B. P. O. E.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1907 to Katharine Hobbs, daughter of H. Clay Hobbs, who now resides at Denton, Caroline Co., Md. Her grandfather, Saulsbury Hobbs, was a prominent man in his day, and his name was given to the town of Hobbs in Maryland.

**WILLIAM BENSON BIRD**, late of Shamokin, was a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of Northumberland county and himself one of the best known citizens of the borough in which he made his home, having for twenty-six years held the responsible positions of assistant

weighmaster at the Weigh Scales and chief clerk at the Shamokin station for the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was also prominent in G. A. R. circles, having been a veteran of the Civil war and one of the organizers of Lincoln Post, No. 140, of Shamokin. Mr. Bird was born in 1842 on Commerce street, Shamokin, son of Pemberton Bird, and was a member of the fourth generation of his family to reside in this county. The history of its early settlement here and subsequent activity in local affairs is an interesting record.

James Bird, his great-grandfather, a native of Warren county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania and settled in Rush township, Northumberland county, remaining on the farm where he then located until his death. In New Jersey he married, and his family consisted of nine children, as follows: John, Rachel (Mrs. Jacob Shipman), Sarah (Mrs. Scott), Susanna (Mrs. William Kimball), Ziba, James, Joseph, William and Sylvanus.

Sylvanus Bird, youngest son of James Bird, was born in 1796, and died in March, 1856. He was reared in Rush township, spending his early life on the farm, and learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was employed by his brother Ziba, who was superintendent for John C. Boyd, the founder of Shamokin. He located at Shamokin in 1838 and there made his home to the end of his days, building many of the early houses there. He was also well known as postmaster, serving as such from 1852 until his death, excepting from January to December, 1855; he also served twenty years as justice of the peace.

In 1816 Mr. Bird married Lena Tietsworth, daughter of Robert, and to them were born children as follows: Pemberton, Eliza, John W., William W., Joseph F., Angelina (widow of George W. Raver), Matilda (wife of Peter Heim), Robert T., Josiah F. (of Shamokin) and Sarah J., all now deceased.

Pemberton Bird, eldest son of Sylvanus Bird, was born in Shamokin township in 1817, and died in 1894, at the age of seventy-seven. He received an elementary English education in his native place, and learned the trade of carpenter, which, however, he did not follow to any great extent. He was clerk for Boyd & Rosser eight years, for Joseph Bird ten years and for the Bird Coal & Iron Company, attaining high responsibility with the latter concern, of which he was president for six years, later serving as vice president, during his declining years. He was prominent in the local civil administration, serving as a member of the borough council, borough clerk and for a number of years as school director. Religious matters also claimed a large share of his time and attention. He was one of the original members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Shamokin, in 1842 was ordained a local preacher, and in 1846 was



appointed to the Elysburg circuit by the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, continuing in the active ministry eleven years, at various points. In politics he was a Republican.

In 1838 Mr. Bird married Mary Arnold, daughter of Jacob Arnold, of Snyderstown, and five children were born to them: William Benson; Annie, widow of C. W. Young; Sylvanus, deceased; Joseph E., of Colorado; and Charles, of Harrisburg.

William Benson Bird received his education in the schools of Shamokin. A youth of nineteen when the Civil war broke out, he enlisted in the Union army Aug. 13, 1861, under Capt. Cyrus Strouse, as a member of Company K, 46th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service Sept. 16, 1861, at Harrisburg, for three years. He was honorably discharged from active service Sept. 13, 1864, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Company K, largely recruited from Shamokin and vicinity, took part in the following battles: Winchester, Va.; Middleton, Va.; Winchester, Va. (second battle); Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862; Sulphur Springs, Va., Aug. 27; South Mountain, Md., Sept. 14; Antietam, Sept. 17; Chancellorsville, May 1, 2, 3, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3; Resaca, Ga., May 19, 1864; Dallas, Ga., May 25; Pine Knob, Ga., June 9; Culp's Farm, June 22; Peach Tree Creek, July 20; Atlanta, Sept. 6; Cypress, Ga., Dec. 8; Savannah, Dec. 21; Chesterfield, S. C., March 2, 1865; Coon Run, N. C., April 10; Averysboro, N. C., March 14; and Bentonville, N. C., March 19. Mr. Bird was wounded three times while in the service, having been shot through the arm and leg at Cedar Mountain, while his company was operating as part of the Army of Virginia, under General Pope, Banks Division. Company K went into this battle with forty-eight men and came out with twenty-four, eleven being killed and thirteen wounded. The wounds received at Cedar Mountain disabled him for active service, and necessitated his confinement in the Saint John's College hospital, Annapolis, Md., for many months. Upon recovery he was commissioned to do secretary duty in the medical department of the hospital, which position he creditably filled to the end of the war.

Mr. Bird's interest in military affairs remained with him to the close of his days. He was one of the organizers of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, serving that organization several times as commander, his valued services as adjutant also being frequently sought by other commanders. Ever one of the post's most useful and active members, his death caused a gap in the ranks hard to fill. On Sept. 9, 1892, following his demise, a handsomely framed crayon portrait of the deceased was presented to the post by his former comrades, an unusual mark of devotion and re-

spect for the departed. The crayon occupies a prominent position on the wall in the rear of the desk of the adjutant, which office Mr. Bird held at the time of his death. Under Commander Samuel Harper, Department of Pennsylvania, in 1887, he was commissioned chief mustering officer of the State. With his fellow officers of the G. A. R. he was the special guest of the Philadelphia Union League, Oct. 18, 1887, on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to General Meade. National Commander Russell A. Alger, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1890 selected him as one of the aides de camp of his personal staff. The Pennsylvania State encampment honored him at different times as delegate to the national encampments, at Columbus, Ohio, Boston, Mass., Milwaukee, Wis., and Erie, Pa. In all of these positions of high responsibility he did credit to himself and to those who chose him. Mr. Bird was also a chief factor in the organization and upbuilding of Lincoln Post Corporation, of Shamokin, which possesses one of the most valuable properties owned exclusively by G. A. R. men in the State. He was also one of the active organizers of the local branch of the Royal Arcanum, serving that beneficial society as regent at the time of his death.

Not long after his return to civil life, upon the close of the war, Mr. Bird became associated with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, continuing in its employ for a consecutive term of twenty-six years, marked for efficient service and intelligent discharge of his responsible duties. He naturally made many friends and acquaintances in this connection, and few men in Shamokin were more widely or favorably known. He died June 1, 1892, at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years. Mr. Bird was an attendant of the Methodist Church.

In 1871 Mr. Bird married Clara E. John, who survives him. She is a member of the Lincoln Street Methodist Episcopal Church and has long taken an active part in church and Sunday school work, having served twenty-nine years as organist of the infant department of the Sunday school. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bird: Cora Blanche, who lives at home; Samuel John, now employed as bookkeeper for the Shamokin Banking Company; William Carlton, deceased; and Rutherford Townsend, deceased. Samuel John Bird in 1902 was married to Rosella Cooper, daughter of Luther S. and Alice (Keefer) Cooper, of Snyderstown, Pa. To them have been born three children: John Cooper, and William and Robert, twins.

SAMUEL JOHN, father of Mrs. Clara E. (John) Bird, was a pioneer resident of Shamokin, where he lived from 1839 until his death. He was a native of Shamokin (now Ralpho) township,





Northumberland county, born Feb. 27, 1807, seventh son of Abia and Martha John, who settled in this county in 1795, and passed his early youth on the homestead farm, continuing to reside there until his removal to Shamokin, in April, 1839. He followed farming, to which occupation he was trained from boyhood, operated the old forge below Shamokin, and also did surveying, conveying, etc. When he settled in Shamokin he engaged in merchandising, in connection with which he had so many other interests that he was a very busy man. He operated what was then known as the Buck Ridge colliery, and conducted the Shamokin foundry, manufacturing plows, stoves, hollow ware, etc., an ambitious enterprise in that day. In 1844 he was appointed postmaster, holding that office two years. He assisted Kimber Cleaver in locating what was then known as the Eastern railroad, and was active in procuring the southern outlet to Baltimore, to transport the products of the Shamokin coal field to the South by rail. In 1867 he was one of those who secured a charter for a railroad between Shamokin and Trevorton. Having leased the Green Ridge colliery, which he called the Green Mountain colliery, he decided that the Western markets would be the best for the output and he accordingly assisted in procuring a charter for the Enterprise railroad. Both these roads are now owned and operated as parts of the Philadelphia & Reading system. His part in the development of the Shamokin coal field, and, in that connection, of the local transportation facilities, was an important one, and his interest in these lines was awakened early, for he was recognized as a leader in such operations as far back as 1832, in which year the Legislature appointed him one of the commissioners of the Danville & Pottsville railroad. Moreover, he was a director of the Shamokin Town Lot Association, which had for its object the promotion of manufacturing industries. He continued his mercantile interests for a period of twenty-five years, having a general store in Shamokin for years, and operating stores at Mount Comfort and Mount Carmel. Local banking interests also had him among their most prominent supporters, he having served at one time as cashier of the Shamokin Bank and for years as a director of the Shamokin Banking Company, the only bank in the borough which withstood the panic of 1877. He was the founder, editor and proprietor of the *Shamokin Register*, the second newspaper published in the borough. In fact there were few phases of the life of the community, particularly those designed to benefit the general welfare, which did not elicit his support and encouragement. He took a deep interest in establishing and maintaining the public school system and served many years as a school director in Shamokin township. He was a member of the Shamokin Lyceum and took part in its discussions.

In politics a Whig and later a Republican, Mr. John took little active part in political affairs and never sought office, his appointments as postmaster and justice of the peace coming to him entirely unsolicited. He resigned both offices after creditable service. He was once a candidate for Congress in this district, but the nomination went to a resident of Schuylkill county. He did considerable toward establishing an almshouse in Coal township.

Though a busy man until he died, July 23, 1877, in his seventy-first year, Mr. John had robust health, which he attributed to his abstemious habits and regular life. He was a thorough business man, making the most of all his undertakings and expecting those with whom he had dealings to fill their contracts to the letter, but he was equally particular about discharging his own obligations. Fraternally he was a Mason. He was of direct Quaker descent.

When twenty-six years old Mr. John married Angelina John, second daughter of Abraham and Mary John, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, of the same name, but not related. She survived him, dying Sept. 5, 1894. Five sons and five daughters were born to this marriage, namely: Laertes P., who is deceased; U. F., a lawyer of Shamokin, deceased; Kersey T., a merchant of Mount Carmel, deceased; J. M., deceased; Samuel L., deceased; Vienna A.; Clara E., widow of William B. Bird, of Shamokin; Angelina R., deceased wife of William H. Shipe, of Minnesota; Mary A., who married William E. Raver, now deceased, and is now the wife of Charles A. Smith, of Shamokin; and Sarah L.

CHARLES A. HARTMAN, of Sunbury, furniture dealer, does a leading business in his line, having a trade which extends beyond the limits of the borough all over the territory of which that place is the center. He has lived in Sunbury since 1895, and has been in business on his own account since 1904.

Mr. Hartman is a native of Snyder county and a member of a family of long standing there. John Hartman, his great-grandfather, was born Aug. 13, 1782, and died July 31, 1854; he is buried in the private burial ground of the Hartman family at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county.

John Hartman, son of John, was born at Shamokin Dam, and followed farming throughout his active life. He married Mary Keefer, who died at the age of seventy-three years, Mr. Hartman reaching the age of seventy-nine. They are interred in the Hartman cemetery at Shamokin Dam. Their children were: Samuel; Marx; Theodosia, who married Theodore Hummel; Mary, who married Philip Gibbons; and Newton E.

Newton E. Hartman, father of Charles A. Hartman, was born April 16, 1849. During his active years he was engaged in farming and lumbering





at Mifflinburg, Union county, but for a number of years past he has been a resident of Shamokin Dam, of which place he is a well known citizen. He is a Republican, and for ten years held the office of supervisor of Monroe township, Snyder county. On July 4, 1871, he married Alice Lenhart, daughter of John and Sarah (Sampsel) Lenhart and granddaughter of George Lenhart, and they have had two children, Charles A. and Emma, the latter the wife of Arthur Heiser and living at Shamokin Dam. The Hartman family are Methodists in religious connection.

Charles A. Hartman was born Oct. 5, 1877, in Monroe township (at Shamokin Dam), Snyder county, and received his early education in the public schools of the neighborhood. Later he attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove. He then began to learn the hardware business, at which he was employed for a year in Philadelphia, thence coming to Sunbury, in 1895. For the next nine years he was in the employ of George W. Hackett, a leading hardware merchant of this place, remaining with him until he formed a partnership with Mr. C. J. Ives, under the firm name of Ives & Hartman. On June 28, 1904, they opened a new furniture and undertaking establishment in the two-story building at Nos. 421-423 Market street where Mr. Hartman is still located, putting in a fine stock of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds, and all modern appliances for the conduct of an up-to-date undertaking department. They continued in partnership until January, 1910, when the association was dissolved by mutual agreement, Mr. Hartman buying his partner's interest in the furniture business. He has since added materially to his stock, which includes the finest furniture in the market, and continues to do a thriving business, his customers coming from a wide radius around Sunbury.

Though his business interests have always received the most conscientious attention, Mr. Hartman has found time for participation in local public affairs, was auditor of the borough two terms, and member of the council from the First ward three years. He has been an efficient worker in the Republican organization for years, having been borough chairman for two terms, and is prominently identified with the workings of the party in city and county.

On June 8, 1898, Mr. Hartman married Gertrude S. Savage, daughter of Martin L. and Mary (Batchler) Savage, of Northumberland. They have one daughter, Mary Helen.

Mr. Hartman has been a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury, since 1898, and also belongs to the Conclave.

GEORGE W. SCOTT, of Mount Carmel, teller of the First National Bank of that place, member of the borough council, is a type of the best citizen-

ship this region affords. He is a son of the late Thomas Scott, than whom there was no more progressive resident of Mount Carmel in his day.

John and Mary (Patton) Scott, grandparents of George W. Scott, came to America from England in 1837. They first settled at Mine Hill Gap, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mr. Scott was engaged in mining for ten years. He then moved to what was then known as Payne's Patch, where he sunk the second slope in the valley and remained for seven years, thence moving to Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa. There he also spent seven years, as superintendent of mines, was located at Hazleton, same county, for a short time, and in 1861 came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he was superintendent of mines until his death, in 1869. His family consisted of five children, Thomas, Mary A. (Mrs. Henry Eckman), Elizabeth (Mrs. George Roudenbush), George and James.

Thomas Scott, son of John and Mary (Patton) Scott, was born Feb. 24, 1836, in Northumberlandshire, England, and was brought to America by his parents the next year. In 1861 he, too, settled at Locust Gap, where he was engaged at the mines as outside superintendent of a breaker for three years. He next engaged in the hotel business there, continuing same until he sold out in June, 1867, at which time he settled down to farming in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa. He was thus engaged eighteen months, in 1869 taking up his residence in Mount Carmel. For fifteen years he carried on a hotel business in the borough, in the spring of 1885 giving up that line to enter the wholesale liquor business, in which he was interested the rest of his active life. In June, 1889, when the Progress Hat and Cap Manufacturing Company was established, he became president and treasurer, and he was also associated with other local enterprises, having been one of the prime movers in the organization of the Mount Carmel Water Company, of which he was a charter member, and which he served as superintendent from the beginning. He was a director of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association and a stockholder in the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. He proved himself a leader in all his undertakings, and he is remembered as one of the most useful citizens the borough has known. Mr. Scott died Aug. 28, 1905. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and a Republican in political conviction.

In 1862 Mr. Scott married Sarah A. Gunsett, daughter of Christian Gunsett, of Locust Gap, and they reared a family of seven children, namely: Minnie; Oscar J., a furniture manufacturer and dealer of Mount Carmel; Frank; Alexander; George W.; Katie, and Sallie.

George W. Scott, son of Thomas and Sarah A. (Gunsett) Scott, was born Feb. 21, 1872, in



Mount Carmel, and there received his education in the public schools. He was employed as clerk and bookkeeper by Thomas M. Righter & Co. for several years before assuming his present connection, on April 13, 1896. He began as clerk at the bank, and in 1900 was made teller, which position he has since filled. He is a substantial and respected citizen, and has been serving in the borough council for the past few years, having been elected to that body in 1908. In 1909 he was chosen president of the council, in which honorable position he sustained well the reputation his family has made for intelligent and efficient public service. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Socially he is a well known Mason, being a member and past master of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; member of Griscom Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; of Prince of Peace Commandery, K. T., Ashland; and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading.

On June 1, 1905, Mr. Scott married Mary M. Ferguson, daughter of Rev. W. G. Ferguson, a Methodist minister, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., who died at Milton, Pa. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

**ADAMS.** The ancestor of the Adams family, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. His descendants are still numerous there, among them being D. Alonzo and Allison C. Adams, brothers, and their cousin, General G. Adams, who is proprietor of the "Elysburg Hotel." We give some account of the earlier generations in this country.

Casper Adams, their great-grandfather, was the first of the family in this country. He was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenbourg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country, he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie, (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in

Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years (his children were Edward, William F. and Lucinda); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C.; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith (both were suffocated in a well in Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa.); and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in lime burning. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John is deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county, Pa.; D. Alonzo is mentioned below; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is mentioned below; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

D. ALONZO ADAMS, a respected resident of Ralpho township, engaged in farming on the old homestead, at the Blue church, was born there Oct. 7, 1854. He received his early training in the local schools, later attending Elysburg Academy, and for a short time was engaged in teaching school, having Kaseman's school for two terms and Mount Union school, in Ralpho township, one term. For eighteen years thereafter he was an employee of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, at the end of that period





starting the mercantile business, at Bear Gap. After ten years in that line he sold out to his brother, Nathan G. Adams, and locating at Paxinos lived retired for a time. Thence he removed to Sunbury, where he was in the restaurant business for one year, and subsequently had a store at Shamokin one year. Having bought the old homestead, his present tract of fifty-one acres in the vicinity of the Blue church, he removed to that place in 1907, and has since been engaged in its cultivation. He is a man who takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, and is at present serving as supervisor of his township; previously he served as auditor. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Blue church, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Adams's first wife, Dora A. (Knobel), daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Kaseman) Knobel, died June 9, 1908, aged thirty-nine years, and is buried at the Blue church. She was the mother of two children: Thomas I., a painter by trade, and Katie M., both of whom live at home. For his second wife Mr. Adams married Sadie Loss.

ALLISON C. ADAMS, also a farmer of Ralpho township, was born Feb. 10, 1872, on the old homestead near the Blue church. His early education was gained at the Kaseman school and he remained with his father until about twenty-three years old. After working at milling about one year, near Danville, Montour county, he bought the old Haas farm from his brother, Nathan G. Adams, this place comprising seventy acres along the Center turnpike. It came into his possession in 1902, and he has since lived there and devoted his time to farming, in which he has been successful. He is a man of active disposition, identified in various ways with local affairs, holding various offices with distinct credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He has been auditor and school director of his township, and is at present serving his second term as township treasurer; he is also filling the office of township clerk. Mr. Adams was elected justice of the peace for his township, but never served. In politics a stanch Democrat, he has taken considerable interest in the workings of the party, and has acted as inspector of elections. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of the Patriotic Order of Americans, and of the Paxinos Band, in the organization of which, in July, 1907, he had an active part. He was one of the organizers of the Keystone Band, made up of young men of Ralpho township, and continued to play with that band for seven years. In religion he belongs to the Reformed denomination, being a member of the Reformed congregation of the Blue Church.

Mr. Adams married Emma Gelnett, daughter of Henry B. Gelnett, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have a family of four children: Verda M., Olive M., Helen T. and Oren A.

George C. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born Aug. 17, 1826, upon the homestead in what is now Ralpho township. He received such education as was obtainable in the schools of the period, and after reaching maturity engaged in railroad work. For some years he was also employed in the huckstering business and at farming for his father-in-law. In 1863 he purchased the old homestead property, where he continued to follow general farming throughout his active years. He died June 12, 1897, and is buried at the Blue church. His religious faith was that of the German Reformed denomination, and he served as elder of his congregation. In politics he was a Democrat, but though interested in the success of the party took no part in its activities.

On Sept. 12, 1855, Mr. Adams married Susanna Klase, daughter of Valentine Klase, of Shamokin, and she now resides with her son General G. Adams, in Ralpho township. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Alvin A., who was killed on a railroad at Weigh Scales, when twenty-four years old; Leanna, who is married to Francis T. Borrell and resides in Reading, Pa.; Mahala, wife of Charles Paul, of Paxinos, and General G.

GENERAL G. ADAMS, proprietor of the "Elysburg Hotel," was born March 9, 1867, on the old homestead in Ralpho township, son of George C. Adams. He attended the Kaseman school there in his boyhood, and later assisted his father with the work at home, remaining with him until his death. After that he bought the farm, which had been owned successively by his grandfather and father, and which comprises 100 acres of valuable land. He continued to cultivate it for another year, until he embarked in the mercantile business at Snyder town, where he was in business for four and one half years. Returning to the farm, he conducted it for eight years, at the end of that period removing to Paxinos, where he engaged in the hotel business, carrying on the hotel there for three years and two months. In 1910 he bought the well known "Elysburg Hotel," to which he removed April 9, 1910. Mr. Adams has made great improvements in this property, having an up-to-date establishment, with all the modern conveniences and facilities for making his guests comfortable. The rooms are all airy and desirable, and he prides himself on his table, making a specialty of catering to parties, for dinners, etc. His place bids fair to be well patronized under the present efficient management.

Mr. Adams married Sadie A. Miller, daughter of Christian Miller, who was killed in a powder mill when his daughter Sadie was only three months old. One son, George H., has been born to this union.

In politics Mr. Adams is a Democrat, and while living at Snyder town he took an active interest in public matters, serving as member of the school





board and in other offices. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Snyderstown. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

Valentine Klase, maternal grandfather of General G. Adams, was a farmer by occupation. He died at the old home near Snyderstown when over seventy years old, and was buried at Snyderstown. His wife, Mary (Baker), of Berks County (Pa.) stock, was ninety years, five days old at the time of her death; she was a large woman, weighing about three hundred pounds. Their children were as follows: Catharine married Abraham Rimert; Eva married George W. Lerch; John married Margaret Evert; William married Susanna Adams and (second) Lena Dunkelberger; Lovina married Isaac Boughner; Sarah married Noah Ware; Valentine married Sophia Evert; Hannah married Daniel Donbach; Susanna married George C. Adams.

JAMES F. KENNEDY, a retired resident of Milton, was engaged in the plumbing and tinning business in that borough for fifteen years before his retirement, conducting the establishment now carried on by his son, John C. Kennedy. Though not an old resident of the place, comparatively speaking, he has been thoroughly identified with its best interests and is a man of substantial worth, esteemed by all who know him. He is a native of Clearfield county, Pa., born Dec. 13, 1843.

Rev. James Kennedy, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and came thence to America when a young man, settling first at Lewistown, Pa., where he was the first Presbyterian minister in that section. Later he located at Brookville, Clearfield county, where he continued to follow his profession, and he died there. He had a family of four sons.

James Kennedy, son of Rev. James, was born at Lewistown, and became a well known lumberman, engaging in sawing and rafting throughout his active years. He died in 1847. He married Margaret R. Bradford, daughter of Samuel and granddaughter of Samuel, early settlers at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa. Two children were born to this union, James F. and Mary Jane, the latter of whom married John Jackson, of Kent county, Delaware.

James F. Kennedy received his education in the schools of his native district, first attending the old-fashioned pay schools and later the public schools. Subsequently he was engaged in farm work until his enlistment, in 1861, in Battery F, 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, which was known as Rickett's Battery. He served as corporal, and was in the principal battles included in the operations of the Army of the Potomac during his long service, escaping with but one slight injury, on the right side of his neck, which was made a trifle black by a passing bullet. He has a fine army record. Mr. Kennedy was mustered out in July,

1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., after which he located in Blair county, this State, where he followed farming for several years. In 1871 he moved thence to the West, making a settlement in Clay county, Kans., where he was one of the pioneers. He took up land there, which he improved, and continued to farm in that section for twenty-two and a half years, returning East in 1892. His home has since been in the borough of Milton, Northumberland county. Here he engaged in the plumbing and tinning business, which he followed with steady success until his retirement, in 1907, at which time he sold out to his son, John C. By honorable dealing and good management Mr. Kennedy made his business profitable, and he is now enjoying the rewards of a long life of industry and well directed effort.

Mr. Kennedy is a Methodist and was at one time quite active in church work. He was among the first to help organize a Presbyterian church in northern part of Dickinson county, Kans., and served several years as elder of same. But the distance from his home was so great he united with the Methodist Episcopal denomination and assisted in building the first M. E. church in that section. Socially he belongs to the Union Veteran Legion and the Knights of the Maccabees.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Kennedy married (first) Isabella Clark; daughter of John Clark, of Blair county, Pa., and her death occurred in Kansas March 28, 1878. To this union, were born two sons: William C., who has taken up land in Jerome, Lincoln county, Idaho, and is engaged in farming; and John C., born Jan. 16, 1874, in Dickinson county, Kans., who learned the plumbing business with his father and succeeded him in 1907 (he married Elsie Austin, of Bellefonte, Pa., and has three children, James K., William E. and Margaret). By his second marriage, on Nov. 26, 1890, to Clara R. Shearer, Mr. Kennedy has no children.

While in Kansas Mr. Kennedy served in various public offices, being school director of Athelstane township, Clay county, for sixteen years, roadmaster eight years, and justice of the peace. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Maj. James Shearer, grandfather of Mrs. James F. Kennedy, was born in 1789, was a farmer in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying April 12, 1864, at Lewisburg. He was a member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M. He married Rebecca Rupert, born Sept. 26, 1796, died May 24, 1852, and they are buried at Milton. Their children were as follows: Charles R., Leonard R., Hiram R., Harry R. (who went West), Elizabeth (married Col. Joseph Fisher, of the 5th Reserves), Sarah (married Charles Bartholamew, Susan (married William Nolon and is now living at Harrisburg,



Pa.), and Mary (married Joseph Mellinger, of Washington borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., where they lived many years; she is now living in Philadelphia with her three children, Preston, Lillian and Thad).

Charles R. Shearer, son of Maj. James, was the father of Mrs. Kennedy. He was born April 26, 1819, and followed contracting and building at Milton until his death, which occurred May 22, 1864. Socially he was a Mason (member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M.) and Odd Fellow. He married Mary Ann Alexander, born in 1819, who long survived him, dying in 1882, and to them were born three children, William A. (who is living in Milton), Clara R. (wife of James F. Kennedy) and Rebecca (who died in infancy).

John Alexander, Mrs. Kennedy's maternal grandfather, was born at Mooresburg, Montour Co., Pa., and followed the trade of wagonmaking. He is buried in Chillisquaque cemetery. His wife, Mary (Housel), was a member of an early family of this district. Their children were: Philip; William; Jane, who married John Miller, of Lewisburg; Mary Ann, who married Charles R. Shearer; and Sarah, who married Asbury Donachy and lives at Lewisburg.

**PATRICK J. GLENNAN**, a citizen of Shamokin borough who has become well known for his efficient service in various public capacities, was born June 18, 1864, at Locust Dale, Pa., son of Thomas Glennan.

Thomas Glennan was a native of Ireland, born in 1818, and came to America in the fall of 1840, landing at New York City. He continued his journey to Pennsylvania at once, and from that time to the end of his active years followed coal mining in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. In 1871 he settled in Shamokin, where he died at his home, No. 136 West Willow street, Dec. 28, 1891. He was married at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, to Mary Fougerty, like himself a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young girl and lived at Pottsville until her marriage. She died April 17, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Glennan were members of St. Edward's Catholic church. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: John; Patrick, who was killed at the Potts colliery, at Locust Dale, when fifteen years old; James; Margaret, wife of John Brennan; Mary, wife of Patrick E. Brennan; Eliza, who died young; Thomas, who died young; Patrick J.; Annie, who married Patrick Wallace; Thomas F.; and Ellen, deceased.

Patrick J. Brennan attended the schools of Coal township, Northumberland county, but not for the length of time now required. He was but ten years old when he began picking slate at the breakers, and when sixteen he began mining, which work he continued to follow until 1905. During all this

time he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. In 1905 he was elected county commissioner, and served three years in that office, making a high record for public-spirited and intelligent service. He has also served his ward—the Fourth—as councilman, and he is a well known and respected figure in local public matters. In 1909 he was appointed by W. H. R. Smink, burgess of Shamokin, as inspector of the street paving, also looking after the crossings and supplies. During 1909 he also served as mercantile appraiser of Northumberland county. Mr. Glennan's wide experience has made him a practical authority on borough affairs, and he is considered a valued counselor.

Mr. Glennan holds membership in a number of the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus, and he was a charter member of the West End Fire Company. He is a Catholic in religion, belonging to St. Edward's Church.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Glennan married Mary E. Golden, daughter of James and Mary (Clark) Golden, and they have had seven children (of which five are living), namely: Thomas, Maria, James, Ellen, Edward (deceased), Madeline and Catherine (deceased).

**DAVID W. COOPER**, who is living retired at Sunbury, Northumberland county, was a successful farmer in Upper Augusta township for a number of years and for nine years a resident of East Lewisburg, this county. He is a native of Upper Augusta township, born Aug. 3, 1844, and according to tradition the family has been settled in that section since early in the nineteenth century.

John Cooper, grandfather of David W. Cooper, lived in New Jersey before he came to Pennsylvania with his family, about 1804, settling in Augusta township, Northumberland county. It is thought some of his children were born in Pennsylvania. He is said to have been a farmer by occupation. He and his wife are buried at the old stone church at Augustaville, but they have no tombstones. Their family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Israel, who located in Indiana, where he engaged in farming; Jacob, who also located in Indiana; Henry, who lived at Bloomsburg, Pa. (his son Charles lives in Shamokin, this county); John; Mary, Mrs. Philip Renn; and Mrs. Barrett.

John Cooper, son of John, was born Aug. 19, 1807, in Northumberland county, and passed his life in Upper Augusta township, dying on his farm there Sept. 3, 1879; he is buried in the old south (Fourth street) cemetery. Mr. Cooper was a successful farmer, owning the property of 245 acres which now belongs to his son David W., and he took an interest in the public affairs of the town-





ship, serving as a member of the school board. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in Zion's Church at Sunbury. His wife, Catharine (Snyder), of Upper Augusta township, was born April 13, 1809, and died Sept. 19, 1893. She is buried at her husband's side in the old south cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children, born as follows: Hiram P., Sept. 25, 1830; Jeremiah, Aug. 23, 1832; Isaac N., July 29, 1834; Thomas G., Nov. 15, 1836; Harriet S., Oct. 8, 1838; John L., Dec. 19, 1840; Simon, July 1, 1842; David W., Aug. 3, 1844; Mary C., Oct. 4, 1846; Dr. Joseph, Feb. 1, 1849; Luther S., May 3, 1851.

David W. Cooper received his education in the public schools of the home locality, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority and remaining at home until he was twenty-seven years old. He taught school in his native township for three years, 1870-71-72. Mr. Cooper succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm, which he cultivated until 1902, when he retired and settled in Sunbury. Meantime, however, he was away from the place for nine years, during which time he resided in East Lewisburg. On his removal to Sunbury he built the comfortable residence at the corner of Fourth and Church streets, in 1902-03, which he and his wife have since occupied. Mr. Cooper has always been a public-spirited citizen, willing to work in a cause for the general good, and he served six years as a member of the board of school directors in Upper Augusta township, which was the first township in Northumberland county to adopt the free textbook plan; this change was made during his service. He was treasurer of the board for a time. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party and was committeeman of his township for a number of years. In 1897 Mr. Cooper was appointed a member of the Farmers' National Congress, by the late Gov. Daniel H. Hastings, the meeting being held at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Cooper attended this congress with thirty-three other delegates of Pennsylvania, and he is now a life member. He is the vice-president of the Pennsylvania delegation. For some years he held membership in the I. O. O. F. and the Conclave.

On Feb. 15, 1872, Mr. Cooper married Hannah Fasold, daughter of Jonathan Fasold, of what is now Rockefeller township. She died Feb. 23, 1884, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of one child, George, who was accidentally shot when seventeen years old. On March 29, 1888, Mr. Cooper married (second) Emma Leshner, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Vandling) Leshner, of Blue Hill, Snyder Co., Pa., and granddaughter of George Leshner. They had one daughter, Catherine P., who died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper worship at Zion's Lutheran Church, Sunbury. While living at East Lewis-

burg he was identified with the Lutheran Church at Lewisburg, and served as trustee of that congregation.

**KEISER.** The Keiser family has been represented in Northumberland county for several generations, having been founded in this section by Henry Keiser, a native of Berks county, Pa., who had several brothers, Daniel, John and Reuben all locating in central Pennsylvania. Reuben eventually went West. Daniel was a farmer and tobacco grower in the vicinity of McEwensville, and is buried in that vicinity. He had children: Judiah, Henry, and a daughter now deceased, and Susan, who married John Bender and lived near Milton, Northumberland county.

Henry Keiser was born June 25, 1781, in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county after his marriage. Locating in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, on a large tract of land, he followed farming as well as his trade of carpenter. The Keiser homestead is now owned by the Nelson Miller estate, and the log house built thereon by Henry Keiser is still standing (1911). He cleared his land and remained there until his death, which occurred Nov. 13, 1861. He is buried in the now abandoned Dunkelberger U. E. Church graveyard and was a devout and active member of that church. The church itself has been torn down and the cemetery is in a sadly neglected state. Mr. Keiser's first marriage was to Eva Zimmerman, born Aug. 5, 1781, who died March 11, 1852, and his second was to Mrs. Anna (Chamberlin) Morey. His children were all by the first union, namely: George is mentioned below; Hannah married John Foy; Polly married Nathaniel Lytle; Daniel, who married Mahala Lytle, lived for many years in Shamokin township, but died at Mount Carmel; Isaac died in 1894 at Mount Carmel, where his widow, Susan (Kerr), now lives; Henry is mentioned below; Christina married Asa Morey and they lived in Potter county, Pa.; one daughter married Jonathan Smith; Teina married Mr. Morey.

George Keiser, son of Henry, was born Feb. 16, 1810, in Rockefeller (then Lower Augusta) township, and became a farmer, occupying part of his father's original tract, where he died Aug. 24, 1877. He was a Lutheran member of the Augusta Stone Church. Mr. Keiser married Magdalena Bloom, daughter of Samuel Bloom, and to this union were born five children; we have record of Elizabeth (Mrs. Wesley Haupt), Absalom B. and Harriet (who was choked to death by a bean). His second wife was Elizabeth Bloom, sister of the first, born Nov. 9, 1813, died Sept. 2, 1901. Several children were born to this marriage: Hulda married George B. Conrad; Jacob S. married Polly Ruppert; Albert married Pauline Lerch, who lives in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township;





Jerome is out West, in the gold fields; Mary married M. Luther Conrad and they live on the George Keiser homestead; Aaron B. is a resident of Mount Carmel. Some children died when young.

ABSALOM B. KEISER, now a retired resident of the borough of Sunbury, was born July 17, 1839, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, son of George Keiser. He lived on the home farm until of age. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, into which he was sworn for nine months or to the end of the war, and he reached the rank of corporal. At the close of his term, after the battle of Gettysburg, he returned to Lower Augusta township in August, 1863, and until 1865 cultivated his father-in-law's farm in that township. In 1865 he settled in Sunbury, where that year he bought a piece of ground containing one and a half acres upon which he built a small house, on Catawissa avenue. His wife had agreed to have a home anywhere but in the flat. When he drove his well he went down fifty feet and came to rock, finding plenty of water, but as others dug wells the supply was not so plentiful and he went down seven feet through the rock, with satisfactory results. In course of time he enlarged his house, and there he has remained to the present time, being now the oldest resident of his part of the borough. His land has greatly increased in value. For the first two years after his removal to Sunbury he burned lime and drove team, and he continued to follow hauling and draying throughout his active years, until his retirement in 1907. He prospered by thrifty management and industry, and now owns, besides his home property, a house in Augusta street and several lots.

On April 8, 1862, Mr. Keiser married Mary Ann Gass, who was born July 29, 1840, daughter of Joseph Gass, of Plum Creek Valley, and died Sept. 18, 1901. She is buried in the family plot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Six children were born to this union: Martin L. died young; Della married Henry Heckert and has children, Lottie, Harry, Roy and Sarah; George died young; Maria G. married Frank Houghton (they have no children); William died young; Elizabeth, who is unmarried, keeps house for her father.

Mr. Keiser is a Democrat in political matters, and he has taken some part in local affairs, having served several terms in the council of East Sunbury; a few terms as constable of the borough of Sunbury; and four years as supervisor of Upper Augusta township. He is a citizen who has always commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, and his upright life and faithful public services have gained him many well wishers. He was catechised at the Augustaville Stone Church, and he and his family have been identified with the Lutheran Church in Sunbury.

Henry Keiser, son of Henry the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born in May, 1811, in Northumberland county, Pa., and grew up on the home farm. He assisted his father with the agricultural work, and also learned how to make spinning wheels, at which he was engaged for some time. He then bought a tract of land at Trevorton, which he cleared, but in time he sold it and in 1834 removed to Shamokin, being one of the pioneers of that now thriving borough. For a number of years he followed contracting and teaming, in 1856 entering the mercantile business in partnership with Joseph Porter. This venture did not last long, however, as they were obliged to discontinue after a year, during the panic, and Mr. Keiser turned to a new industry, being one of the first men to contract timber to the mines in this section. He died at Shamokin in June, 1872, of smallpox. Mr. Keiser was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Catherine Raker, and they had children as follows: Maria married David Fisher; Isaac R. became the father of Joseph A. Keiser; Harner married John R. Boughner; Jacob R., born May 1, 1845, is deceased; Henry H. was for many years a prominent merchant at Shamokin; Reuben is living in Shamokin.

Isaac R. Keiser, son of Henry, was born June 30, 1839, and died March 29, 1901, at the age of sixty-two years. He was for a number of years a well known merchant of Shamokin, where he engaged in business in 1869 and continued until 1880, in which year he removed to Mount Carmel. He followed the same line there until his demise. Mr. Keiser married Elizabeth Wolfgang, daughter of George Wolfgang, and she still resides in Mount Carmel, continuing the business formerly owned by her husband. Four children were born to them: Joseph A., of Missouri, who married Harry Haas; George H., of Mount Carmel; and Isaac N., of Akron, Ohio.

JOSEPH A. KEISER, son of Isaac R. Keiser, was born Feb. 10, 1862, in Shamokin, and there attended the public schools and Shamokin Academy, graduating from the latter institution. In 1879 he went to Joliet, Ill., where he spent some time, and returning home assisted his father in the grocery business which he had meantime established in Mount Carmel. He has since continued in this line, his location at the corner of Third and Maple streets being well known and well patronized. His excellent business methods and honorable dealing have gained him a large custom, which he retains by accommodating his patrons in every possible way. He is well known in various associations in the borough, being president of the school board at the present time, is a director of the Anthracite Building and Loan Association, member and chaplain of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., and member and recorder of the local organization of the Knights of Malta. He also belongs to



the P. O. S. of A., and is secretary of the Loyal Association. His activities have also extended to church life, Mr. Keiser being a leading member of the United Evangelical Association and at present serving as trustee of same. In political matters he is a Republican.

On April 6, 1886, Mr. Keiser married Alice J. Herb, daughter of Rudolph Herb, and they have one daughter, Emma E., who is a student at Bucknell University, member of the class of 1912.

GEORGE HENRY KEISER, son of Isaac R., was born in Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 3, 1867. He attended the public schools of Shamokin and afterward clerked in his father's store, moving with his parents to Mount Carmel where he continued in his father's employ until the latter's death, when his mother continued the business, which is conducted by the two sons, Joseph A. and George Henry.

Mr. Keiser was married May 28, 1890, to Ella H. Swank, daughter of Jacob Swank. Socially Mr. Keiser is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 1150, of Mount Carmel. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. He is a director of the People's Building and Loan Association.

HON. JOHN T. McMULLEN, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, present representative of his district in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railway Company and well known among his fellow workers as well as in local public affairs. He was born May 6, 1877, in Montour county, Pa., son of Samuel McMullen, who has become well known in both Montour and Northumberland counties in various connections.

Samuel McMullen was born in 1847 in Montour county, and during his early life became familiar with farm life. But when a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. For a number of years he was engaged as a contractor at Danville, Montour county, employing six men, but since 1893 he has been carpenter foreman at the Natalie colliery, at Natalie, Northumberland county. He is a staunch Republican, has served as county commissioner and jury commissioner of his native county, and while a resident of Danville was prominent as an Odd Fellow, filling all the chairs in the local lodge. He is a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Mary Alice (Geist), is a daughter of David Geist, of Catawissa, Pa., and to them have been born eight children: John T.; Truman F., Florence C., David and M. Frances, all of whom reside with their parents at Natalie; and three who are deceased.

John T. McMullen received a public school education, attending the borough school at Danville for four years, and night school at Natalie for one year. When sixteen years old he commenced to

learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for three years, subsequently finding employment about the coal mines. In 1900 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he has since been engaged at railroad work.

Mr. McMullen is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served as a member of Company E, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers; he is a member of Aerie No. 534, F. O. E., at Shamokin, and of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which he has served as secretary of the General Grievance committee since 1902. In politics he is a Republican and has been active in the local affairs of the party, on whose ticket he was elected Nov. 8, 1910, to represent his district in the State Legislature, his plurality being 260 votes. This was his first candidacy for county office. He is favorably regarded in the party and in his community, where he has many friends.

On June 14, 1898, Mr. McMullen married Fay E. Ditty, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Tailor) Ditty, whose ancestors were from Lower Mahanoy township, this county. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Ruth R., Thomas S. and Alice B. Mr. McMullen has made his home in the borough of Shamokin since 1900.

GEORGE W. HARTLEIN, of No. 430 West Pine street, Shamokin, has been secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America in District No. 9 since its organization, in 1899, his work covering four counties and about fifty-one thousand, two hundred mine workers. His long retention in the office is the best evidence of his satisfactory services. He is a native of Shamokin, born June 21, 1865, son of Joseph Hartlein and grandson of George Hartlein, and comes of old Berks county stock, the Hartleins or Hartlines having long been prominent in that section. The family is of German origin and has been a part of the substantial German element of Pennsylvania citizenship since the first half of the eighteenth century.

John Jacob Hartlein was born Sept. 8, 1699, in Saxony, Germany, son of Nicholas and Dorothea Hartlein, as indicated by the Hill Church records. On Sept. 28, 1726, he married Julia, daughter of John Christian and Appolonia Dressler, born July 4, 1694. They came to America in 1732, and settled in Earl township, Berks Co., Pa. To them were born six children: John Jacob and Jacob both died young; Margaret, born in 1729, married John ———; George was born in 1732; Anna Dorothea, born in 1734, died in 1736; Nicholas, born in 1736, died in 1741.

George Hartlein, son of John Jacob, was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1732, shortly before the emigration of his parents to the New World. In 1750 he was a taxable in District township, Berks county, as was also George, Jr. In 1755 he mar-





ried Maria Catharine Boehm (Boehm), who was born in 1730, daughter of Conrad Boehm, a native of Fehrfeld, Wurtemberg, Germany, born about 1705, who came to America in 1732. George Hartlein and wife had the following children: Jost (or Yost), born Jan. 8, 1767, died Dec. 21, 1852, and is buried at Oley church, and by his side is buried Sarah Hartlein, born Oct. 18, 1780, died Sept. 24, 1873 (it is not known whether she was his wife or his sister); George, Jr., was born Jan. 11, 1781. There were perhaps other children, but the names of these two alone are of certain record.

George Hartlein (the name George is very common in this family), grandfather of George W. Hartlein, was a farmer in Berks county, where he died, at Spangsville. His wife, whose maiden name was Mosser, bore him the following children: Isaac, who died in Michigan; Joseph; Jared; George, living in Philadelphia; and Mary, who married Samuel Brosius and is living at Stonington, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Hartlein was born Dec. 15, 1829, in Berks county, and when a young man came to Northumberland county, settling in the Mahantango Valley. He was a wheelwright, and followed the trade for many years, in time moving to Paxinos, where he lived for a while before coming to Shamokin. After settling in the latter borough he followed mining and the lumber business until 1890, from which time until his death he lived retired. He married Lydia Rebuck, who was from the Mahantango Valley, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Maurer) Rebuck, and she died Nov. 28, 1881. Mr. Hartlein died July 9, 1893, and both are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They had a large family, viz.: Mary married Gabriel Snyder and they live in Shamokin; they have had seven children. Amelia married Harvey Maurer, of Shamokin, and has had sixteen children. Abbie married Charles Kerstetter, of Shamokin, and has had fifteen children. Jared died in infancy. Elmira married John Drumheller, of Shamokin, and has had twelve children. Margaret married August Ross and they are living at Shamokin; they have had ten children. Harry died in infancy. George W. is mentioned below. Alice, who died in Shamokin in 1895, was the wife of Frank Sheetz and had five children. Frona, who lives in Indiana county, Pa., married Joseph Powell and has had eight children.

George W. Hartlein received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, but his educational advantages were limited, for when only seven years old he began picking slate at the Bear Valley breaker. He continued this work until he reached the age of fifteen, when he commenced mining, at which he was engaged until 1900. Meantime, on Oct. 21, 1899, the United Mine Workers of America organized in this district

(No. 9) at Mount Carmel, forming District No. 9, which includes the counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Dauphin and Columbia, with the main office at Shamokin. Mr. Hartlein was elected secretary-treasurer at the time of the organization, and has filled that office continuously since. As there are over fifty-one thousand mine workers in the district, his duties are varied and heavy, but he has discharged them to the satisfaction of all concerned. Besides his membership in the mine workers' body he is associated with the P. O. S. of A., having been a charter member of Camp No. 187 and later transferred to Camp No. 149.

Mr. Hartlein married Elma Drumheller, daughter of Levi T. and Lydia (Daniels) Drumheller, of Northumberland county, and they have had six children: Grover C., who died in infancy; Lydia, who died in 1902, when sixteen years old; Clarence W., of Shamokin, who married Hattie Neihart; Nola, at home; George O., at home; and a daughter that died in infancy. Mr. Hartlein has three grandchildren.

In political sentiment Mr. Hartlein is a Democrat, but he votes independently. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

**MILLER.** The brothers John L. Miller and J. Adam Miller, of Sunbury, are natives of Germany who came to this country in boyhood, the former taking up his residence in the borough in 1879, the latter in 1890. The family came to America in 1860, landing at Baltimore, Md., after a most thrilling experience. They had taken passage for New York, but were captured en route by a man-of-war and taken to the island of Saint Thomas, one of the West Indies, where they were obliged to pay three hundred dollars' ransom before released. The Millers proceeded from Baltimore to Ashland, Pa., where the family settled, the father, Andrew Miller, finding work in the coal mines, as did also his son John. As soon as they became old enough the sons all had to work in the mines. There the mother died in 1862, and the family of six children consequently became scattered.

**JOHN L. MILLER**, son of Andrew, was born March 19, 1848, in Würzburg, Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country with the family as related. Though only a boy at the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company H, 79th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which, among other experiences, he participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea. Upon his return to civil life he began to learn the trade of carpenter, at Williamsport, Pa., from which place he came to Sunbury in 1879. He has been connected with a number of important business enterprises in the borough during the thirty and more years of his residence there. He has been extensively engaged in contracting and building, and became senior partner of the firm





of Miller & Heim, manufacturers of extension tables. Mr. Miller has had many large and responsible contracts in Sunbury and the surrounding territory, among others the interior fitting of the present First National Bank building. Mr. Miller has acquired extensive interests in the Adams Clay Mining Company, of New Jersey, which operates extensively in the manufacture of buff brick, and he has been a director of the concern for a number of years. His activity and success have made him an influential member of local commercial circles, his ability having been demonstrated in a number of prosperous undertakings. Moreover, he has taken prominent part in other local affairs of interest to those who have the welfare of the community at heart, having served most efficiently as school director. During his service the schools of East Sunbury were raised to a high standard, and his good judgment and disinterested labors were highly appreciated by his fellow citizens. Mr. Miller also took a conspicuous part in securing the establishment of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home near Sunbury, and in 1897 became its first president and superintendent, resigning that position in 1901 when his duties in connection with the Adams Clay Mining Company demanded so much of his attention that he did not feel he could do justice to both.

Mr. Miller is also widely acquainted in Masonic circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and he is also an active member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. At the Odd Fellows convention held in Sunbury April 26, 1905, he was grand marshal, and as such deserves high credit for the successful manner in which the affair was conducted.

J. ADAM MILLER, son of Andrew Miller, was born Aug. 11, 1853, in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, and attended school there for six months before the family came to America. Since his mother's death he has lived in Northumberland and Lycoming counties, Pa., principally the former, however. He acquired an excellent practical education, sufficient to enable him to enter the teaching profession, which he began in Shamokin township, this county, in 1872. He taught sixteen terms in all, fourteen in Northumberland county and two in Lycoming county. For ten terms he was engaged in Rockefeller township, where he was licensed by Prof. Saul Shipman. For one term, after he began teaching, he was a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. Mr. Miller carried on farming in Rockefeller township for two years before his removal to Sunbury, in 1890, at which time he took a position in the clerical department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was thus engaged for fourteen years, giving up the work on account of his health, and for a time solicited insurance. Then for six years he was employed at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, in

Sunbury, in May, 1910, commencing the grocery business in which he is now interested.

Mr. Miller has always taken the interest of a public-spirited citizen in matters affecting the general good, served as assessor for three years while a resident of Rockefeller township, and since settling in Sunbury has served as borough auditor. He does not give his allegiance to any particular party, voting for the candidates he considers most suitable. Socially Mr. Miller holds membership in the Knights of Malta at Sunbury.

While in Rockefeller township Mr. Miller met Miss Conrad, whom he married. They have had one daughter, Mabel Grace, who is at home. Mr. Miller and his family are Lutherans, and while living in Rockefeller township he served as deacon of the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM KNAPP is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Trevorton, carrying on the business established some fifty or more years ago there by his father, who was one of the first men in his line to settle at the place. Mr. Knapp was born in 1843 in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John Michael Knapp, who brought his family to America in 1857. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and they landed at New York after a voyage of forty-three days. Locating in Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., Mr. Knapp, who was a skilled cabinet-maker, followed cabinetmaking and undertaking, being one of the first here to pursue that kind of work. He was successful, and was so engaged until his death, which occurred in December, 1871. He married Margaret Ebbling, and they had the following children: Michael, Fredericka, Christiana, Margaret and William.

William Knapp came to America with the family and has lived in Trevorton ever since. Under his father's able instruction he learned the trade of cabinetmaker, and upon the death of his father himself assumed the business. At one time he made all the caskets himself, but of late years he has obtained them from the factories. Undertaking is his specialty, but he also deals in furniture, of all kinds, and has a lucrative patronage in both lines, being one of the leading business men of the town. His store is located on Shamokin street. He is a citizen who holds the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen, and has been chosen to fill various local offices, having served as school director, tax collector and overseer of the poor of Zerbe township. Politically he is associated with the Republican party.

In 1869 Mr. Knapp married Eva Rosina Pfesterrer, who was born June 29, 1845, in Germany. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of the Evangelical Church.

JOHN DAVID PFESTERRER, father of Mrs. Knapp, was born Aug. 11, 1810, in Wurtemberg, Germany,



and came to America in 1854, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which brought him to New York City. His first location in the New World was at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., from which place he came to Trevorton in the early days of that town. Here he followed his trade, that of carpenter, and was an industrious and respected citizen until his death, which occurred May 6, 1889. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Margareta Ott, followed him to America in 1856 with four of their children. She died in 1890. They had the following family: John George is living at Trevorton; Maragreta married John Ross; Christiana married George Walter, who was killed at a breaker at Trevorton; John David was killed in the mines at Trevorton; Eva Rosina is the wife of William Knapp.

JAMES COOPER, proprietor of the well known "Cooper's Hotel" at Trevorton, is conducting practically the same business which his father entered forty years ago, and is a worthy successor of that much respected citizen of Trevorton. His son, Alexander Cooper, is engaged in the bakery and general store business, and has been otherwise prominent in the life of the town, where the name is associated with public-spirited citizenship in all that term implies.

William and Susan (Jones) Cooper, grandparents of James Cooper, never came to America. Their son, James Cooper, born Jan. 26, 1818, in Staffordshire, England, lived in his native land until 1863, following mining from the age of ten years. Coming to America in the year named, with his family, he landed at New York City and was soon settled at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he found work at mining. Later he removed to Shamokin, this county, where he was employed in the mines until 1869, when he returned to Trevorton, working at the mines. In 1870 he went to Mahanoy City, but the following year came back to Trevorton, in 1872 becoming proprietor of the hotel known as "The House of All Nations," which he had bought in 1869. From that time until his death he was successfully engaged in the hotel business, becoming one of the best known men in his section. He was one of the oldest miners of the region, a man respected and trusted by all who knew him, served as supervisor of Zerbe township, and stood high in the community as a man of sterling qualities. He was a Republican in politics, and socially held membership in the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. He died in 1899.

On Nov. 15, 1845, Mr. Cooper married Jane Sunderland, of England, who died May 26, 1885, the mother of seven children, all now deceased but James and Mary A., the latter the wife of Otto Lout, of Trevorton. On Nov. 17, 1885, Mr. Cooper married (second) Mrs. Betsy Whittle, a

native of England, whose parents, Abraham and Jane Roper, were also born in that country.

James Cooper, son of James and Jane (Sunderland) Cooper, was born Nov. 18, 1850, in Staffordshire, England, and came to America with his parents. At an early age he commenced mining, and in 1879 he made a prospecting tour in the Black Hills, where he was associated with Colonel Cody ("Buffalo Bill") and had many interesting experiences. But he returned to mining in Pennsylvania, being long in the employ of Baumgardner & Douty, at Shamokin. In 1899, after the death of his father, he took over the hotel business, which he had purchased, and this business he has since continued. For some time Mr. Cooper was in Clearfield county, this State, engaged in the horse business, and he is still interested in that line, which he carries on in connection with his hotel business. Mr. Cooper has a notably fine array of mounted birds, the collection of which has been a hobby affording him much interest and pleasure. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Knights of Malta, and in political matters he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Cooper married Isabella Matheason, daughter of Alexander Matheason, and they had a family of seven children: Alexander; James W., who is employed at the North Franklin Colliery (he is a leading member of Trevorton Fire Company No. 1, of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of the Trevorton band); Isabella, deceased; Jennie, deceased; Clara E.; Bertha M., and Charles. The mother of this family died April 4, 1909, and is buried at Trevorton.

ALEXANDER COOPER, eldest child of James and Isabella (Matheason) Cooper, was born at Trevorton March 10, 1872, and there obtained his education in the public schools. Like his forefathers he began work in the mines, as a slate picker, and continued to follow mining, of both soft and hard coal, until 1904. In 1905 he bought out the baking business of A. C. Fisher, who is now cashier of the Trevorton Bank, and he has continued this business to the present time, having a large and steadily developing trade. In addition, he has dealt in groceries, notions and general merchandise, building up a profitable trade, which reflects great credit upon his management and enterprise. He is considered one of the live business men of the town, and has the good will and respect of his many patrons and friends.

Outside of his private business concerns, Mr. Cooper's special activity has been in the interest of the Trevorton Fire Company, which he organized in 1900, being its chief promoter and becoming its first president and first chief. It is practically through his efforts that the town is able to boast of so efficient an organization, and he is still its leading member. It is a valuable factor in the





business life of the town, and is thoroughly appreciated by all the progressive citizens of the community. Mr. Cooper is a member of the State Firemen's Association. He assisted in organizing the Trevorton business men's association in 1906, and has served as its president ever since. He is quite prominent in local fraternal circles, being a past-officer of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Republican.

On Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. Cooper married Jennie C. Zartman, daughter of S. S. Zartman, of Shamokin, this county. They have one daughter, May Elizabeth.

JACOB R. DEIBLER, who follows farming in Shamokin township, having a fine property at Snyderstown, is a well known member of a family which has been settled in that section of Northumberland county for several generations. He was born in Shamokin township March 6, 1857, son of Jonathan Deibler, and grandson of George Deibler, the pioneer settler here.

George Deibler was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1812, locating in Shamokin township, where he purchased land in 1813 and followed farming the remainder of his active days. He was one of the substantial and respected residents of his section, and Deiblers Station, in Shamokin township, was named for him. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bastian, are buried at the Brick church, at Reed's station. They had children as follows: Daniel, Mary, Jonathan, Hannah, George, William, John, Catharine, Elizabeth, Harriet and Rebecca.

Jonathan Deibler, son of George, was born in 1825 on the old homestead at Deiblers station, which farm is now owned by R. S. Aucker, of Shamokin. He was reared to farming, and always followed that vocation, becoming a well known and highly respected citizen of his district. He died Aug. 27, 1887, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried at Reed's church in Ralpho township. His widow, Elizabeth (Reed), daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Duttinger) Reed, now (1911) eighty-three years old, makes her home with her son Jacob at Snyderstown. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Deibler, namely: Flora A., who is married to S. Ellis Klase and lives in Snyderstown; Jacob R.; and Emma C., who is married to Wallace Hoover and lives at Riverside, this county.

Jacob R. Deibler received his education in the public schools of the home locality. When a young man he taught for one term, at the American school in Shamokin township, but he did not care for the profession and decided to devote himself to farming, in which he has been very successful. He bought the old Jones homestead, at Snyder-

town, having a tract of 135 acres under excellent cultivation. Mr. Deibler has been progressive and thrifty, and has shown such good judgment in the management of his own affairs that he has been called upon to participate in the administration of public matters, having served as township auditor, school director and borough councilman; he is still filling the latter office, which he has held for seven years. He has taken an active part in the work of the school board and council, having been president of the former and secretary of the latter body. Politically he is a Republican. In religion he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Deibler married Rachel A. Zimmerman, daughter of George and Sarah (Fasold) Zimmerman, and they have had four children: Helen E., Wallace H., Luther E. (who died in infancy) and Warren E.

JOHN CUMMINGS MOORE is the foremost dealer in his line, confectionery and cigars, in Shamokin, conducting an up-to-date establishment on Independence street, in the Parmley building, which is one of the most popularly patronized places in the borough. His quick perception of the demands of the public, his readiness to adopt new lines and install new conveniences for the satisfactory service of his patrons, have brought him the best and largest trade in Shamokin. Though handicapped by a lack of early advantages he has made his way to the front, and he has made up in ability and enterprise for any such deficiency.

Mr. Moore was born March 20, 1871, at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Henry and Annie M. (Rarich) Moore, the latter a daughter of Amos Rarich, of Snyder county. His father was born at Selinsgrove in 1850 and died there in 1873. He was a saddler by trade. John C. Moore was a child when he and his mother moved to Shamokin, and here he attended public school until he commenced work, as a slate picker at the mines. He was employed about the collieries for about fifteen years in all, and then commenced railroading in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, with which he continued for a period of twelve years. Having met with an accident, Aug. 17, 1891, at Locust Summit, whereby he lost his left hand, he began his present business on a humble scale the following year, and throughout his business career has been located in the same block on Independence street, his present number being 132, in the Parmley block. He has been there since 1903. His line of business naturally makes Mr. Moore one of the best known men in Shamokin, but it is his excellent methods and high-class management which make him one of the most popular. He has an attractive and modern store, well equipped, his soda fountain being the finest in Shamokin, and he is constantly making changes and improve-





ments to facilitate the work of his employees or increase the conveniences of the establishment. His stock of confectionery and cigars is complete and attractively arranged, and everything about the store betokens the management of a man who foresees the demand of his patronage and is willing to forestall it. It is this faculty which has drawn to him the best class of trade in the city. His windows are always the best dressed in town, and all the appointments at Moore's are typical of the proprietor. In addition to this place he conducts the cafe at Edgewood Park, and there, too, has made a fine reputation, for the excellence of his meals and service. He deserves all his success, for it is the result of his individual efforts, and he is a credit to his community as well as to himself.

Mr. Moore is quite prominent in the ranks of the Republican party in Shamokin, served five years as jury commissioner and was committeeman of the Eighth ward for ten years. He is a well known member of the Elks and Odd Fellows fraternities.

On Jan. 12, 1892, Mr. Moore married Mary Walker, daughter of Thomas Walker, of Shamokin, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, who is now in school. The family belong to the Methodist Church.

**WILLIAM R. KUTZNER**, late a successful and enterprising merchant of Shamokin, Pa., was born in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., Dec. 18, 1835, and died in Shamokin May 24, 1885.

Edward A. Kutzner, father of William R., was a well known citizen of Northumberland county. He was three times married. By his first wife, Anna Robins, who died at Minersville, he had three children, Rebecca, William R., and a son that died in infancy. His second marriage was to Susan Lawrence, of Schuylkill county, and they had two children, Mary and George. He married (third) Margaret Simington, who died at Princeton, Mo., in 1908, the mother of Gertrude, Simington, Preston and Harriet. Mr. Kutzner died aged ninety-one years, eight days.

William R. Kutzner was but twelve years old when his parents went West, and in his Missouri home he grew to manhood. His first employment was at clerking. In 1857 he returned to Northumberland county, and locating in Shamokin the following year became one of the pioneers of this little city. He clerked in a drug store, and later was a member of a drug firm. In the spring of 1861, with John B. Douty as a partner, he entered upon a drug and general store business which they carried on until 1864, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Kutzner then conducted on his own account a drug and hardware store until August, 1883, when he sold out to Peter E. Buck and retired. He had amassed a considerable for-

tune in his business, and his investments had proved his farsightedness. At his death he left his family in very comfortable circumstances.

On June 12, 1861, Mr. Kutzner was married to Anna M., adopted daughter of John B. Douty, and she is still a resident of Shamokin. The children born of this union were: William R., who died in infancy; John D., who lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Anna Laura, wife of Dr. J. M. Maurer, of Shamokin; Lavinia G., who died unmarried; Kathrina, wife of Edward K. Evert, of Shamokin; William Edward, who died in West Virginia, in 1909, aged forty years, leaving a daughter, H. Ethel; Harriet S., who married Howard Bertollette, and lives in West Virginia; Edith C., of Shamokin, Pa.; Charles P., who was superintendent of three collieries at Lansford, Pa., now with the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, of Shamokin, Pa. Politically Mr. Kutzner was a staunch Republican, and while he was never active in politics he was nevertheless greatly interested in the public welfare. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and during the labor riots of 1877 held the rank of major. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. As a man, both in the business world and in private life, he commanded the respect of all who knew him, and his death was sincerely mourned.

**HENRY MILLER**, a farmer of Shamokin township, has owned his present farm for over a quarter of a century. He has been particularly active in public affairs in his connection with the school board, of which he has been a member since 1896, and is also assessor of his township, where he is a much respected citizen.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 5, 1842, son of Isaiah Miller and grandson of Isaiah Miller, who was one of three brothers, Isaiah, Daniel and Jacob, who came to Northumberland county at an early date. Daniel, who settled in Shamokin township, was a shoemaker by trade; he died unmarried. Jacob, who also settled in Shamokin township, where he died, married Mary Saylor, a sister to his brother Isaiah's wife, but left no children. The family is of German origin, and the first of its members to come to America settled in Berks county, Pa., before the Revolution.

Isaiah Miller, grandfather of Henry Miller, came to the site of Snufftown, near Paxinos, in what is now Shamokin township, in 1800, making the journey from Berks county by team, and bought forty-eight acres of land, which he cleared and cultivated. In Berks county he had learned the trade of tailor, which he continued to follow in connection with farming, and he became one of the best known residents of his section. Upon his farm he built a stone house in 1814, and it is



still standing and in good repair, though the oldest house in the district at present. He died upon his farm in May, 1861, at the age of eighty years, and is buried in Ralpho township at the Blue church, in whose welfare he was deeply interested. He was a member and official of the Reformed congregation there, and helped to build the church. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Susanna (Saylor), born in 1787, died in April, 1878, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. They had children as follows: Daniel, who died young; Isaiah; Susan, Mrs. Samuel Schrock; Jacob, who died in Ralpho township; Mary, Mrs. John Rothermel; Peter, who died in Shamokin, Pa.; and Godfrey, who died at the old homestead.

Isaiah Miller, son of Isaiah, was born in the stone house upon his father's farm in 1817, and died June 12, 1853, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six. He is buried at the Blue church. Mr. Miller learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in Shamokin township, and for a year before his death carried the mail from Shamokin to Mount Carmel, a distance of eight miles, which he walked; for this service he received eight dollars a month. He married Sarah Himmel, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Hoffman) Himmel, and to them were born these children: Daniel, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Mary J., who married Charles Brown; Susanna, wife of George Dentzer; Henry; John J., living at Mount Carmel; Maria, who married Jacob Farnsworth; and Charles W., who died in Brooklyn.

Henry Miller attended the township schools. He lived with his grandfather until twenty-two years old, meantime working for his clothes and board, and then went to Shamokin, where for two years he was employed around the old Lambert colliery. For the next seven years he was engaged in repair work on the Pennsylvania railroad, and he has since been engaged in farming. In 1883 he bought the old homestead, which he has since cultivated. He now has seventy-nine acres of land, and makes a specialty of trucking, attending the Shamokin markets. His success has been the reward of well directed industry and the exercise of good judgment in his work, and he is regarded by his neighbors as a man of excellent business ability. His barn was built in 1868, and is in first-class condition, in keeping with everything else about his property.

Mr. Miller has held various local offices, having served as road supervisor and assessor, which latter position he still holds. In 1896 he was elected to the school board, and has done good work for the community in his capacity as a member of that body, which he has served as secretary, treasurer and president, at present filling his second term as president. The cause of education and proper public school facilities have always been pet ob-

jects of his attention and have been measurably benefited by his devotion. He is an active member of the Democratic party, and has made many friends in all the associations of life.

Mr. Miller married Sarah A. Price, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Weeks) Price, and they have five children: Ezra, member of the firm of Mifflin & Miller (his partner being J. W. Mifflin), manufacturers of brick at Paxinos, where he resides, married Malissa Slegel; Charles G. lives at Paxinos; Jackson makes his home in Fort Wayne, Ind.; George L. lives in Ralpho township, Northumberland county; Nora married W. E. Snyder and lives in Shamokin township.

DANIEL N. BERKHEISER, who is engaged in business at Trevorton as hotel owner and proprietor of the Pleasant View Poultry Yards, was born at that place Oct. 16, 1860, son of Isaac Berkheiser. As Isaac Berkheiser died when his children were young, Daniel being a boy of ten at the time, little is known of the early history of the family, except that it is of German origin.

Isaac Berkheiser was one of the early settlers at Trevorton, and was a miner by occupation. He met his death when fifty years old in 1870, during the time of the W. B. A., at the hands of the Mollie Maguires, being shot while sitting up at night with a sick friend. The first shot fired struck the window sill, but the second hit Mr. Berkheiser in the head and killed him. He is buried at Augustaville. Mr. Berkheiser was a soldier during the Civil war. His wife, Elizabeth (Haupt), daughter of George Haupt, of Irish Valley, Northumberland county, survived him many years, dying in 1900 at Trevorton, where she is buried, in Greenwood cemetery. They had children as follows: Josephine, who was drowned in a spring when a child; George, who lives at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Albert Brosious; Daniel N.; Alice, wife of Frank K. Getche; and William, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is yard foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Daniel N. Berkheiser received his education in the public schools. When a boy he began picking slate at the North Franklin colliery, and subsequently, in turn, was employed at door tending and driving, loading cars and mining, remaining at the same colliery for a period of about twenty years, from the age of ten until he was thirty. Since then he has been in business on his own account. For about fifteen years after giving up mining he had a store, dealing in groceries, fish, oysters, etc., and enjoyed a profitable trade. For five years he conducted the "Central Hotel" at Trevorton, selling it in June, 1907. In 1908 he put up a fine, substantial, four-story building at Trevorton for hotel purposes, containing twenty-one rooms with modern improvements and conveniences. Mr.





Berkheiser is also interested in the poultry business as proprietor of the Pleasant View Poultry Yards, breeding the single comb Rhode Island reds, and has met with considerable success in this line, as he has in his various ventures. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Trevorton, and by his industry and excellent management has become one of the substantial residents of that place, where he is highly respected for his integrity and honorable life. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1908 he was elected a member of the board of school directors of Zerbe township. In religion he is a Methodist, in fraternal connection a member of the I. O. O. F.

On May 26, 1887, Mr. Berkheiser married Anna M. Edwards, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Pengally) Edwards, the former of whom came from England May 26, 1881. Mrs. Berkheiser was born in England, and was twelve years old when she accompanied her parents to America. Mr. and Mrs. Berkheiser reside next door to his hotel property above mentioned. They have no children. Her parents had a family of six: Richard H. (of Trevorton), John, Margaret, William, Jesse and Mary A.

HARVEY SHINDEL ROBINS, now living retired at Mount Carmel after a long life of business activity, was for many years identified with the coal industry, in West Virginia, the leading characteristic industry of that section. But the members of the family generally have been specially noted for their honorable connection with the medical profession. Mr. Robins's father was the first physician to settle permanently at Elysburg, this county, and three of his brothers adopted the profession.

Aaron Robins, grandfather of Harvey S. Robins, was a bricklayer and followed his trade at Sunbury, where he lived and died. He is buried there. He married Rebecca Richardson, and to them were born five children, namely: William, Joseph Craven, David (who died near Union Corners, this county, and whose son died at Burlington, Iowa), John K. and Anna (who married Ed. Kutzner and lived at Milton, this county). Three of these sons became physicians, William, Joseph Craven and John K.

Dr. William Robins, born at Sunbury in 1804, received his academic education at Northumberland under Robert Cooper Grier, and at the age of eighteen years began the study of medicine with Dr. John Kennedy. He furthered his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania, began practice at Sunbury shortly after attaining his majority, and remained there for eighteen years, building up an excellent patronage. Thereafter, until his death, which occurred in December, 1863, he was settled at Minersville, Schuylkill county. He married three times, and had seven children.

Dr. John K. Robins was the first resident physician of Shamokin after that place assumed the proportions of a village. He was born at Sunbury April 14, 1820, and began the study of medicine at the age of twenty, graduating from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1842. In April of that year he began practice at Shamokin, where he was located for nearly four years, thence removing to Catawissa, Columbia county, in January, 1846. He made a permanent home there and established a lucrative practice, following his profession there until his death. He had two sons and three daughters, William, Joseph, Mary, Ada and another daughter.

Dr. Joseph Craven Robins, son of Aaron, was born at Sunbury June 1, 1806, and there attended the common schools, later going to the academy at Northumberland, which was then conducted by Robert C. Grier. He first read medicine with his brother William at Sunbury, completing his professional preparation at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1828 began practice at Sunbury. The following year he removed to Elysburg, at which point he was the first physician to locate permanently, and he was in active practice there for forty-two years, his field covering all the eastern part of Northumberland county and the adjoining portions of Montour, Columbia and Schuylkill counties. He was of the old "saddle-bag" doctors, and in spite of the hardships of a physician's life in his day survived all his fellow practitioners who were in practice at the time his career began, living to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He retired from active professional labors about 1870, and in 1877 removed to Shamokin, where he lived until his wife's decease, in 1881. After that he lived among his children, and his death occurred in Harrisburg in 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swallow. He was buried in the family plot at St. Jacob's church, at Reed's station, Northumberland county. Dr. Robins was one of the most widely known men in the county in his day, and his reputation extended far beyond the limits of his own community. He was one of the charter members of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

Dr. Robins married Leah Shindel, daughter of Peter Shindel, and to their union were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Galen S., Edwin S., Harvey S., Annie M. (who died shortly after her marriage to S. A. Bergreser), Lorenzo D., Rebecca (wife of Rev. Silas C. Swallow, a prominent Methodist minister at Harrisburg, Pa.) and Joseph (who died young). Three of the sons became physicians, and we give a brief record of their lives.

Galen S. Robins was born Oct. 4, 1830, began to read medicine with his father, and completed the course at the Pennsylvania College of Medicine, from which institution he was graduated.





After a year's practice at Elysburg he located at Shamokin, in 1852, and was there in active and successful practice until his early death, Oct. 9, 1856. He was for a time associated in practice there with Dr. J. J. John, and afterward with his brother, Dr. Edwin S. Robins, who at the time of his death was the oldest physician at Shamokin.

Edwin S. Robins, M. D., was born June 3, 1832, in Elysburg, and there grew to manhood, receiving his early education in the common schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., returning to his native place in 1851, when he began reading medicine with his father. In 1852-53 he attended lectures at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and in 1853-54 attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 10, 1854. He commenced practice at Elysburg with his father, in October, 1855, settling at Shamokin, where he was in partnership with his brother, Dr. Galen S. Robins, until the latter's death in 1856. Dr. Robins built up a large practice, and held a creditable place among the progressive members of his profession, being one of the most successful physicians of his county and one of the best known medical men in his section of the State. He made a particularly fine reputation as a surgeon, performing successfully some of the most difficult amputations, and his services in this branch of practice were in wide demand. He served as surgeon of the 7th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, for several years during Governor Hartranft's administration. Few men in any line of work enjoy a longer career of unbroken activity than did Dr. Robins, who continued his practice to an advanced age. He died in 1907. On Oct. 10, 1853, he married Matilda Gulick, daughter of William Gulick, of Elysburg, and they had eight children, five of whom reached maturity, namely: Frank A., Lizzie (wife of F. A. Thomas), Ella (wife of William Brice), Edwin S. and Josephine. The family belong to the Episcopal Church. The Doctor was a Democrat in politics and a Mason in fraternal affiliation.

Lorenzo D. Robins, M. D., began practice with his father at Elysburg. During the Civil war he served as a surgeon in the Union army, and at the close of that struggle returned to Elysburg, where he continued in practice until his death, in 1875.

Harvey Shindel Robins, third son of Dr. Joseph Craven Robins, was born July 5, 1836, at Elysburg, and obtained his schooling in that locality. For a time after he began to make his own way he was employed at farm work, was later engaged as clerk by Jonas Stine, when only a boy of fourteen, and then began farming, in 1859. Later he engaged in merchandising on his own account. He

came to Mount Carmel March 26, 1885, and investing in considerable land became extensively engaged in real estate dealing, in that connection building a number of houses. He made a success of this line, as he did also in the coal business. With his son Joseph he became interested in the soft coal business in West Virginia, and he named the field of their operations in Fayette county, that State, Alaska. He was also associated with the Lawtons and Brown in the Greenwood Coal & Coke Company, of Lawton, W. Va., and met with considerable success before he sold his interests in this concern. Though he has now retired from active business pursuits Mr. Robins still retains his place on the board of directors of the Union National Bank of Mount Carmel, of which he was one of the organizers and original directors. He has done much traveling in his day, and in 1900 made a trip to California. He has long ranked among the most intelligent and progressive citizens of his portion of Northumberland county, a worthy representative of a name which has for almost a century been held in the highest esteem here.

In April, 1859, Mr. Robins married Elizabeth Hefley, daughter of Charles Hefley, at one time a merchant of Bloomsburg, Columbia county. Mrs. Robins died Dec. 10, 1901, the mother of three children: (1) Joseph graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and is now located in practice at Charleston, W. Va., where he is a prominent citizen, being president of the National City Bank of that place. He married Anna Knapp and they have three children, Margaret, Joseph E. and Hugh B. (2) Margaret, who died in September, 1908, was the wife of H. B. Young, of Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., and the mother of two children, William R. and Harvey. (3) Charles H., who lives at Mount Carmel, is in the real estate business. He married Cynthia Hughes, of West Virginia, and they have had four children, Elizabeth, Margaret, Harvey and Charles.

Socially Mr. Robins holds membership in the Elks and in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in 1870. He is a Republican in political sentiment and a Presbyterian in religious connection.

CLAYTON S. SCOTT, managing editor of the Shamokin *Dispatch*, was born Dec. 1, 1858, in Wilson, Niagara Co., N. Y., almost within the sound of the roar of Niagara's world-famous cataract. Rev. Milo Scott, his father, at that time one of the prominent Methodist clergymen of western New York, came from Pennsylvania stock, being a son of Cephas and Polly (Winslow) Scott, of Smethport, McKean Co., Pa. His mother, Ann Eliza Barrett, was a native of New York State but came from the staunch old New England Barrett family, which settled in Vermont, and who



were in direct line of descent from the Barretts of England. Rev. Milo Scott died in 1864, when his son was but five years of age, and his mother a few years later located at Brockport, N. Y., where is located one of New York State's most prominent normal schools, from which Mr. Scott was graduated in 1879, after which for several years he engaged in public school work in his native State, filling high school principalships at Byron, Churchville and Cohocton. While located at Cohocton he was united in marriage with Etta M. Haynes, of Binghamton, N. Y., who was also a graduate of the State normal school at Brockport and was the preceptress of the Cohocton high school, of which Mr. Scott at the same time was principal. Their marriage occurred June 24, 1884, at Binghamton.

The following year Mr. Scott embarked in newspaper work, locating at Owego, N. Y., the county seat of Tioga county, where he purchased the *Tioga County Record*, a well established weekly paper. A year later he sold a half interest in the business and a daily edition, called the *Owego Daily Record*, was started, which from the first was a marked success and so continued for twenty years under the same firm of publishers, Scott & Watros, until their sale of the business on Oct. 1, 1906. Mr. Scott remained with the new owner as managing editor of the paper until May 1, 1907, when he resigned, and after a few months' rest came to Shamokin and began his duties as managing editor of the *Shamokin Dispatch*, the oldest daily newspaper in the borough. It is issued daily except Sundays. In 1910 Mr. Scott became one of the stockholders of the Leader Publishing Company, which corporation publishes the *Dispatch*, and at the company's annual meeting that year he was elected its secretary.

While a resident of New York State Mr. Scott was one of its most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity, filling the Master's chair five years. For nearly twenty years he was almost continuously a member of the Grand Lodge of that State, serving on the staff of eight of its Grand Masters, filling the offices of District Deputy Master, Grand Standard Bearer, and other important positions. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, with the rank of Past High Priest, and a member of Malta Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, of Binghamton, New York.

ROBERT MUIR, of Mount Carmel, is a leading business man of that place and also has important interests elsewhere. His connection with the financial affairs of the borough has extended over a long period, and he has been prominent in the establishment of a number of local institutions which have not only afforded opportunities for the profitable investment of local capital, but have proved highly beneficial to the general welfare.

He was born in 1856 in Schuylkill county, Pa., and is of Scottish descent, his grandfather, David Muir, having lived and died in Scotland. He had three sons who came to America, William, Michael and David.

Michael Muir, father of Robert Muir, was born in Scotland, and came to America in 1851 with his wife and family, which then consisted of three children. Locating at Branchdale, in Schuylkill county, Pa., he followed his trade, that of engineer. Before the Civil war, however, he moved to Mount Carmel, where he was among the early residents, and there he followed mining as well as engineering. He also lived in the borough of Shamokin for a number of years. His death occurred in March, 1885, at Mount Carmel, and he is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company E, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Michael Muir married Elizabeth Muir, daughter of Robert Muir, also of Scotland, and they had a large family, namely: (1) Elizabeth married Thomas Wardrop, and their children are Thomas, Mary E., David, John, Robert, Elizabeth, Walter, Andrew, Agnes, Isabella and Jean. (2) Mary died young. (3) David married Annie Fulton, daughter of David Fulton, and they reside in Shamokin. Their children are David, Gilbert, Robert, John, Anna, Donald, Elizabeth, Marion, Laura and Mary. (4) Margaret died young. (5) Robert is mentioned later. (6) William died at Scranton, Pa. (7) Andrew is living in Colorado. (8) John, of Shamokin, married Jennie Anderson and their children are Helen, Andrew, John and Jean. (9) Jean married Harry Minnier and their children are Allen, Russell and Grace. (10) Dal. died when two years old.

Robert Muir attended school at Mount Carmel. In early boyhood he began picking slate at the breaker, and was employed about the mines for several years. In the spring of 1877 he went West, prospecting for a time in the Black Hills and in Colorado, and then proceeding to California. He remained in the West about seven years, and upon his return to Mount Carmel engaged in mining at the Green Ridge colliery, near the borough. He continued mining until 1891, since which year he has given much of his time to the real estate business, in which line he has interests at Mount Carmel, in Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., and at Brooklyn, N. Y. The greater part of his attention is given to a large tract of land which he owns at Hazleton, known as Hazleton Heights, the development of which property is in a most promising condition. Various local enterprises have had his influence and support. He was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, of which he is now president; was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Gas Works, of which he is







Robert Muir





now vice-president; and is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Mount Carmel, of which he was the first secretary. Mr. Muir has taken considerable interest in the administration of borough affairs, for thirteen years served as tax collector of Mount Carmel and is now borough treasurer. His fellow citizens have the fullest confidence in his judgment and integrity, and his services have in every way justified their high opinion of him.

On April 25, 1883, Mr. Muir married Mary S. Jeffrey, daughter of Andrew Jeffrey, who came from Scotland. Mrs. Muir was born in California. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Muir, namely: Helen; Elizabeth, who died at the age of seven years; Anna; Roy, who died in infancy; and Robert, Jr. Mr. Muir and his family unite with the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican on political questions.

SIMON P. SAVIDGE, of Sunbury, at present serving the borough as tax collector, is one of the respected residents of his community, a faithful official and a useful citizen. He was born Nov. 22, 1847, in Lower Augusta township, this county, son of Henry Savidge, and is a great-grandson of George Savidge, the founder of the family in Northumberland county.

George Savidge probably came from New Jersey, and settled in this county in pioneer times, living in what was then Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, in the vicinity of the Plum Creek Church. He was a farmer and stonemason, and built the present stone church at Augustaville, receiving the sum of one hundred dollars for his work. The excellent condition in which the walls of this church are still found is the best testimony as to the honesty and thoroughness of his work and mechanical skill. He was a Lutheran, and is probably buried at that church. He had the following children: George, grandfather of Simon P. Savidge; Zinn, who was drowned while building the Sunbury dam in the Susquehanna river; Valentine, an able penman and school teacher, who moved into Lancaster or one of the other lower counties of Pennsylvania; Joseph, who became a farmer in Upper Augusta township; Samuel, a farmer, who lived in Upper Augusta township; Lydia, Mrs. McGee (she and her husband were Catholics and lived on the priest's farm in Chillisquaque township); and John, lived in Lower Augusta township and was a farmer (he died upon his farm and was buried at Eden Church).

George Savidge, son of George, was born in Lower Augusta township, was a blacksmith by trade, and a prosperous farmer, owning a farm of almost three hundred acres, located near the Plum Creek Church. He was a leading man in his district, and managed his business affairs so well that in his time he ranked third among the most

substantial citizens of Rockefeller township. He died in October, 1867, at the age of seventy years, five months, sixteen days, and is buried in Plum Creek at the Eden Church, of which he was a foremost member, serving as elder for many years. He married Catharine Raker, who died Dec. 20, 1870, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, seven days, and to them were born children as follows: Henry; William, who died aged eighteen years; Dr. Aaron, who lived in Chester county, Pa.; Hiram, born Nov. 27, 1832, who was a farmer of Rockefeller township and died Aug. 30, 1909 (his wife, Mary A., born July 30, 1842, died June 30, 1875; four of their children were Irene, 1864-1887; Johnson; Minnie, 1868-1890; and Oliver, 1871-1895); Lafayette, a farmer of Rockefeller township, who lived retired some years and died April 23, 1900, aged sixty-five years, two months, ten days (his wife, Margaret, died Dec. 16, 1888, aged fifty years, nine months, three days; they have a large monument in the Eden Church cemetery); Barbara, Mrs. Samuel L. Keefer, who died early in the sixties; and Mary, Mrs. Reuben Sholl.

Henry Savidge, son of George and father of Simon P. Savidge, was born Dec. 14, 1822, on the homestead farm, and died Oct. 21, 1878. He was a potter by trade, and carried on a pottery for many years, turning out all kinds of earthenware, colored as well as white, and earthen ornaments of various kinds. He owned a farm which he cultivated, and was an energetic and successful man, prosperous in his business and useful in all the associations of life. A prominent member of the Democratic party, he and Judge Abraham Shipman were the leading political factors of that faith in this district in their day, deciding its policies for many years and wielding a wide influence in this region. Mr. Savidge was also prominent in church work as a member of the Eden Church at Plum Creek, where he filled all the offices, serving many years in the church council. He is buried at that church. His wife, Gertrude (Heilman), born Nov. 28, 1823, died Jan. 26, 1901, was a daughter of Daniel Heilman, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Maria married Andrew Burns and (second) Dr. David Shipe; Catharine married William Clark; Simon P. is mentioned below; George W. died in Rush township; Isaac lived on the original Savidge homestead; Elizabeth married Ira Reed and they lived out West (she died 1883); Morris A. is of Mount Carmel; Daniel H. lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Russia married Harry Harbold, of Mount Carmel; Wilson A. is a resident of Dornsife, Northumberland county.

Simon P. Savidge received a common school education and was reared to farming, which he followed until he went to learn the trade of stonemason, at the age of eighteen years. He also learned stone-cutting, and with the exception of



twelve years during which he was employed as clerk in a store at Sunbury he has followed his trade, in which he has made a high reputation as a skillful and reliable workman. In August, 1906, Mr. Savidge was appointed tax collector of Sunbury by the court, served three years under that appointment, and was then elected to the office, the present (1910) being the second year of his term. He had had considerable previous experience in this line, having held that office in Rush township for two years, and served as tax collector in East Sunbury during 1893-94-95-96. He is a member of Augustaville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and in religious connection belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church, with which his family are also identified.

Mr. Savidge married Jane Isabella Evert, daughter of John C. and Sarah (Weiser) Evert, farming people, who lived near the Plum Creek Church. Mr. and Mrs. Savidge have had two children: (1) Eugene M. served eight and a half years as clerk in the register's and recorder's office at the courthouse, Sunbury, and is now money order clerk in the Sunbury post office. He is a member of Macclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., the Conclave, and the Temple Club. He married Mary E. DeHaven. (2) Mary M. married O. N. Conrad and they reside at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

**PROF. NORMAN W. H. SCHAFER.** teacher of piano, organ and theory at Shamokin, Pa., and a man well known to the musical profession as a thorough musician and conscientious instructor, is one of Pennsylvania's own sons. He was born at Petersville Church, Petersville, Northampton Co., Pa., son of John D. Schafer, organist and teacher.

Professor Schafer is of French and German extraction. Valentine Schafer, his great-great-grandfather, came to America from Germany early in the eighteenth century, and settled in Lehigh county, Pa., his home being near Macungie, along the Little Lehigh. He became a very prominent man in his district, and in 1750 assisted in the building of the Little Lehigh church at Macungie, of which he was one of the organizers. He is buried there. He married Margaret De Schotte, who came from France. They had nine children, among whom were George, Peter and John.

John Schafer, son of Valentine, was born in November, 1773, near Klecknersville, and became a large landowner. He was quite prominent and held the office of justice of the peace. During the war of 1812 he held a captain's commission. He died in November, 1831. His wife, Sarah Billheimer, born July 4, 1779, died in November, 1832, and both are buried at Moorestown. Their children were: Catharine, born May 14, 1803, who died May 14, 1898; Elizabeth; Jacob; Dewalt; Peter, and Solomon.

Jacob Schafer, son of John, was born in North-

ampton county in 1807. In early life he learned the stonemason's trade, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace in Moore township, Northampton county. He died in 1870. He married Sarah Michael, of Northampton county, and they are both buried at Moorestown. Their children were: Jacob; Sarah; John D.; Mary; Stephen, a soldier of the Civil war who suffered in Libby prison and died of weakness shortly after his release; and Francis, living at Kreidersville, Pennsylvania.

John D. Schafer, son of Jacob, was born May 13, 1834, at Klecknersville. He taught school in early life, and served as organist at Petersville and Indianland, and Cherryville, in Northampton county. He was the organizer of the Heimback Slate Company (which is still in existence), and also of a slate mine at Walnutport, of which he was president and superintendent. He opened six quarries. He is very well informed in this work, and is now often consulted, though he has been retired from active business since 1900. He resides on the homestead at Danielsville, Northampton county. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served as trustee of schools in the Walnutport and Danielsville districts. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Schafer married Mary L. Henry, who was born Jan. 5, 1839, daughter of David Henry; her mother's maiden name was Brown. Mrs. Schafer died Jan. 2, 1896, and is buried at Slatington. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer had children as follows: Norman W. H.; Laura J., deceased wife of Nathan Haas; Augusta L., who married Frank Fenner; Charles Osborne, who died in infancy; and David H., a merchant at Danielsville, Pennsylvania.

Prof. Norman W. H. Schafer was reared in an atmosphere of music, his first teacher having been his father. Later he studied with the Rev. Dr. Ohl and Professor Benkhardt, an old Leipsic graduate. In 1877 he went abroad, and entered the Royal Conservatory at Stuttgart, Germany, where under Professors Schuler, Krueger and Speidel he studied the piano; under Professor Fink, the organ; and under Professor Seyerlen, theory. He also for several years studied harmony, counterpoint, fugue, canon and composition under Dr. S. N. Penfield, of New York City. After his return from Europe he accepted the position of director of music at Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J., where he remained four years. He then accepted a similar position at the Danville (Va.) College for Young Ladies, also acting as organist for the Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church of that town. At the end of six years he was obliged to resign on account of ill health and return North. He came to Shamokin in 1873, and since 1895 has been organist of Trinity Lutheran Church, besides conducting a large private class. He has given a large number of high-class organ





recitals, and was the organizer of the Shamokin Choral Society, which under his direction has given a number of oratorios. As the former president of Danville (Va.) College, Prof. R. H. Sharp, M. A., wrote of him: "Scrupulously conscientious, he will work beyond his strength rather than neglect any known duty. With such a spirit to animate him, it is not surprising that he achieved a success with us beyond anything known before in our music department." Professor Schafer has also made his mark as a composer.

In 1881 Professor Schafer married Emma C. Gable, daughter of Capt. William Gable, and the following children have been born to them: Myrtle, who married William Albert Moore, in business in Philadelphia; Norman W. H., Jr., a graduate of Shamokin high school, 1903, Lehigh University, 1907, now a civil engineer stationed at Reading, Pa., as supervisor of the W. & N. branch of the Reading railroad (he is a member of the University fraternity); Clara, who died in infancy; Pauline; Carolyn G., and John R. Prof. Schafer was made a Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 148, at Pennington, N. J., and transferred his membership to Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 121, at Danville, Va. He belongs to the Temple Club at Shamokin. He is a man of strong personality, enthusiastic in his profession, and thorough in all that he undertakes. Thomas Hanlon, D. D., LL. D., president of Pennington Seminary, said of him: "He is very competent, very trustworthy, faithful, a Christian gentleman," and it is safe to say that such high praise is fully approved by those who have long known him in Shamokin.

**JOHN A. SIPE**, of Herndon, is a resident and business man of long standing there, being the senior member of the firm of Sipe & Son, tailors, who have the only tailoring establishment in the borough and do an extensive business, having a large patronage in the territory from Sunbury to Millersburg. He is a veteran of the Civil war, in which his father also served, dying of starvation in Libby Prison in 1864. Mr. Sipe is a native of York Springs, Adams Co., Pa., born May 5, 1847. The family is of German extraction, his grandfather, Martin Sipe, having been born in Germany, whence he came to America before his marriage, locating at Clear Springs, in Adams county, Pa. He was a laborer and owned a small home in a glen. His wife, Sarah, was from White Hill, Cumberland Co., Pa., and lived to the age of eighty-six years. She was the mother of twenty children, Martin Sipe being her second husband. Her children by him were: Jacob, Peter, Sallie, Leah, Jeremiah, Hettie, Maria, William and Lena. Jeremiah, now (1910) seventy-six years old, lives at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa. He served in the Civil war under two enlistments, in the 43d Pennsylvania Infantry and the 17th Pennsyl-

vania Cavalry. He was captured at the battle of the Wilderness and was held at all the noted Rebel prisons. When he went into the service he weighed over two hundred pounds, but his weight when discharged was only seventy-one pounds. His sister Leah's husband, Nelson Day, was a soldier of the Mexican war, in which service he died.

Jacob Sipe, son of Martin, was born in 1819 in Adams county, Pa., and lived near York Springs. He was a laborer, and owned a small home in Latimore township. During the Civil war he was drafted for the Union service, but he said he would never go to the front as a drafted man and accordingly enlisted. He was drafted one Thursday, and was to report at Gettysburg the following Monday. On Sunday night he bade his family good-bye and walked to Harrisburg, where he enlisted in Company B, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, asking to be credited to his native township as a volunteer. He had been in the service only three weeks when captured at Sulphur Springs, Va., and thrown into Libby Prison, where he died in 1864, after fourteen months' confinement. He is buried among the other unfortunate soldiers who perished there. His wife, Ruth, was a daughter of Nelson Day, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who lived to be ninety-six years old. By her first marriage Mrs. Sipe had a son, William Ickes, who served in the Civil war as a member of the 96th Pennsylvania Volunteers. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sipe were born children as follows: Jacob H., who served during the Civil war in Company I, 165th Pennsylvania Regiment (he was corporal); John A.; Jennie, who married Monroe Chronster and lived at Hampton, Adams county (he was a veteran of the 93d Pennsylvania Volunteers); Adaline, who married Hiram Jacobs and lives at York Springs (he was a soldier in the Civil war, serving with the 90th Pennsylvania Regiment); Annie, who married Emmerson Fickel and lived at Lattimer, Pa. (he is now deceased); and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Ruth (Day) Sipe died in 1881, aged fifty-eight years, six months, four days.

John A. Sipe was reared to farm life in the vicinity of York Springs, working thus until he was thirteen years old, when he began to learn the tailor's trade. He served his apprenticeship in the old-fashioned way, doing anything around his employer's house that was to be done, for the first six months of his term, cutting wood, looking after the children, or attending to any other work given to him. Then another new apprentice came, and he commenced work at the bench, after his three years of service doing journeyman work at various places in this State, Pittsburg, Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Newport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Carlisle, Shippensburg, and Church (Cumberland county), where he remained seventeen months with a German named Cooney Draker. From





there he came to Georgetown (Dalmatia), Northumberland county, and thence after a seven months' stay to Herndon, which has since been his home. He arrived in Northumberland county on Whitsunday, 1867, and he was one of the earliest settlers at Herndon, which was then all woodland. He is one of the four oldest residents of the town. Mr. Sipe has seen many changes in domestic as well as civil life in his day. When he learned his trade the sewing machine was unknown, and he purchased the first sewing machine brought to Herndon. His business underwent the various changes of custom work and merchant tailoring, and he has always kept abreast of the times in his line, being a first-class tradesman. In 1902 he admitted his son Harry to a partnership in the business, and Sipe & Son enjoy the best trade between Sunbury and Millersburg. They are the only tailors at Herndon. By industry and good management of his affairs, honorable dealing and intelligent use of his opportunities, Mr. Sipe has become a substantial man, and his prosperity has been wholly the result of his own efforts. He began his career at Herndon in the most modest way, commencing housekeeping in a one-room house 16 by 16 feet in dimensions, and advancing his fortunes by diligence and commendable thrift. He was married Oct. 24, 1869, to Eve Vanaman, daughter of George and Annie (Comfort) Vanaman, formerly of Lancaster county, Pa., later of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, and finally of Reward, Perry county, where Mr. Vanaman lived for fifty-four years in one house, dying Dec. 3, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years; he is buried near that place, as is also his wife. Mr. Vanaman was a molder by occupation. His father, Jacob Vanaman, was a native of Lancaster county, and moved to Jersey Shore on a canal boat, living there the rest of his life; he followed the trade of molder. Three of George Vanaman's sons served in the Civil war, Thomas, George and David, one in the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sipe were born children as follows: George died aged eighteen months, four days; Annie E. died in infancy; Mamie died in infancy; Bessie V. married C. M. Troutman and they live on Mr. Sipe's farm in Jackson township; Harry C., born April 1, 1882, at Herndon, was educated in the public schools and at Central Pennsylvania College, which he attended for four terms, afterward learning the trade of tailor under his father, with whom he is now in partnership (he is a member of Lodge No. 267, P. B. O. Elks, Sunbury; of Polaris Lodge, No. 765, I. O. O. F.; General Sickles Camp, No. 57; and John B. Packer Council, No. 154, Jr. O. U. A. M.; he married Feb. 23, 1904, Jennie A. High, daughter of W. H. High, and they have had three children, Carrie V., Mildred M., and one that died in infancy); Jennie A. married Harry

A. Glace, who is a weaver in the silk mills at Sunbury, where they reside, and they have one child, Geraldine.

During the Civil war, though only a boy, Mr. Sipe was very patriotic, and he ran away from home to Chambersburg three times trying to enlist, when only sixteen. He was refused because he was under size and too light, but later, when troops were needed and the conditions were not so rigid, he managed to get into the service, joining Company I, 205th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 2, 1864, at Harrisburg, where Camp Curtin was established. He was discharged June 7, 1865, after the close of the war. Mr. Sipe saw considerable active service, participating in the operations at Fort Steadman, Va., March 25, 1865; and was with his regiment when it led the charge of the 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 9th Army Corps, on Fort Mahone, April 2, 1865, in front of Petersburg. On Dec. 10, 1864, the 3d Division of the 9th Corps made a raid, called the Weldon raid, on Hatcher's Run, having several skirmishes with the enemy. He served under Capt. J. C. Machan, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., and Lieutenant Colonel Walters, of Lancaster county. He is a member of John J. Arnold Post, No. 407, G. A. R., and of the Sons of Veterans at Herndon (Sickles Camp, No. 57), and he is also associated fraternally with Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F.

SPENCER H. DREHER, of Shamokin, who is interested in the coal business but not as a local operator, was born in that borough Sept. 8, 1858, and comes of a family of German origin which was founded in Pennsylvania during the early days. His paternal great-grandfather lived in both Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, and died in Sunbury, in Northumberland county; he is buried at the Stone church. His family consisted of ten children, viz.: John, who is mentioned below; Samuel and Joseph, who died in the West; Isaac, who died in Shamokin township; Sophia, who married George Falek; Sallie, Mrs. Fasold; Tyson; Susan, Mrs. Reun; Rachel, Mrs. Kramer; Polly, Mrs. Joseph Shipman.

John Dreher was born in 1801 in Schuylkill county, and while a resident of that county followed farming and was engaged on the old canal-boats. In 1855 he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he was employed at the collieries, and there he died in 1873. His wife, Sarah (Kreiger), daughter of Christian Kreiger, died in 1868, and both are buried in the Mount Carmel cemetery. Their children were as follows: Mary A. married Fred Fahrian and died in Missouri; Jacob is mentioned below; Andrew J. was killed by the Molly Maguires, it is supposed, he having disappeared from Mount Carmel and never been heard from afterward; Edward died in Mount Carmel; Daniel died in the West; John died near



Richmond, Va., while serving in the Civil war; Sarah J. married John Roup and is living in Mount Carmel; Aaron is a resident of Mount Carmel; Eliza married William Stillwagner and is living in St. Louis; Eli lives at Mount Carmel.

Jacob Dreher, son of John, was born March 12, 1830, at Plum creek, near Stonington, Northumberland county, in Shamokin township. He was well educated, and followed teaching during his earlier manhood, being thus engaged for a period of twelve years, in Shamokin and Mount Carmel. Later he became inside foreman at the Gap colliery (where David Llewellyn was then outside foreman) and was employed there for several years. He died Oct. 8, 1865, at his home in the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, and was buried at the Summit church in that township. An intelligent, industrious, Christian citizen, he was a leader in his community and thoroughly respected for his upright life. He married Elizabeth Sober, daughter of Michael M. Sober, and she survived him, after his death marrying Lewis Chamberlin, of Shamokin township. She passed away April 8, 1905, at the age of seventy-one years, and is also buried at the Summit church. To Jacob and Elizabeth (Sober) Dreher were born the following named children: Mary F., wife of Lemuel Tharp; Harris M., who is living in Shamokin township; Spencer H.; William H., of Shamokin township; Clara, wife of O. C. Wilson, of Philadelphia; and Jacob G., a teacher, of Shamokin township.

Spencer H. Dreher attended school in Shamokin township and was reared upon a farm. When he started work on his own account he followed farming in that township and also engaged to some extent in the dairy business, owning a fine tract of 100 acres in the neighborhood of the Summit church, upon which property he erected a fine residence in 1898. In time he sold this farm to Mr. Yordy, the present owner, and on Oct. 22, 1908, he settled in Shamokin, where he has established his home. Since 1894 he has been interested in the coal business, as part owner of three collieries in Quinnimont, W. Va., all of which are in a thriving condition, yielding an abundance of soft coal for which a ready market is found.

Mr. Dreher married Hannah Lawton, and they have one son, Charles Edgar, who is a member of the class of 1912 at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa. Mr. Dreher is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH LAWTON, father of Mrs. Hannah (Lawton) Dreher, was born in England and came to America when a young man, and lived for a time in the Irish Valley in Northumberland county. He became interested in the coal business in West Virginia and met with success in that line. In

1893 he moved to Carlisle, Pa., where he made his home to the end of his days. He died while making a trip to his West Virginia mines, in 1896. His wife, Mary (Mathews), died in 1910, and they are buried at Carlisle. The following children survive them: Catherine, William, George, Hannah (Mrs. Dreher), Elmer, Sallie, Walter and Albert.

THOMAS M. LAWLER, late of Sunbury, was filling the office of prothonotary of Northumberland county at the time of his death, June 5, 1907. He was one of the most popular men in that community, a typical representative of his race, genial, sociable, friendly, known to many and liked by all who met him.

Mr. Lawler was born Nov. 30, 1857, in County Wicklow, Ireland, son of William Lawler, a native of the same country, who came to America with his family in the year 1867. Thomas M. Lawler was ten years old when brought to America by his parents, the family settling in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where the boy attended public school. When twelve years old he started to learn the printing trade in the office of the *Sunbury American*, at that time owned and edited by Emanuel Wilvert, and he completed a five years' apprenticeship with the *Northumberland County Democrat* and *Sunbury Daily* in 1875. The next two years he spent in Pittsburg, returning to Sunbury to become foreman in the establishment of the *Democrat and Daily*, which he held for over ten years, until March, 1888. For the following years, until October, 1898, he was in the Government printing office at Washington, D. C., after which he was engaged on the *Washington Post*, having charge of the mechanical work on the advertisements. In September, 1894, during Cleveland's second administration, he was appointed foreman of the night bill force in the printing office. He received the appointment on recognized merit and ability, and held it until the administration changed. Though he had done well at the printing business, Mr. Lawler upon his return to Sunbury did not return to that occupation, but entered into the restaurant business on Market Square, the Park Restaurant being one of the most popular places of the kind in Sunbury. Mr. Lawler was "Tom" to the many who knew and loved him, and his wide circle of acquaintances extended beyond the limits of Northumberland into neighboring counties. His personality will not be readily forgotten. The *Sunbury Daily Item* of June 5, 1907, said: "He was a man whom you liked to meet; he put sunshine into the day by his kindly greeting and enjoyed a bit of pleasantry that eased many a heart with his ready wit and humor." His genial disposition, thoughtfulness, fidelity to his friends, sincerity and naturalness won him a last-





ing place in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Lawler was a staunch Democrat and always active in politics, and on June 12, 1905, he was nominated for the office of prothonotary, to which he was elected the following November. At the time of his death he had served seventeen months of his term of three years. He filled the office with credit to himself and to his constituents, though for some time he suffered so with rheumatism that he was unable to attend to its duties personally. However, he recovered sufficiently several months before his death to return to its activities, and although he was far from being a well man he kept up so well that his friends were hopeful his recovery would be complete. But he succumbed to a sudden relapse and grew rapidly worse until his death. The *Evening Standard* of Milton, this county, in an editorial written by one of Mr. Lawler's friends, said:

"Few people perhaps, either in public or private life, in central Pennsylvania, were more generally known or more universally beloved. In many respects he was a most remarkable man. Of commanding presence and genial disposition, he quickly enlisted the lasting good will of all with whom he came in contact. Endowed with a high order of natural intelligence, his acquired information, coupled with that unflinching fund of humor so characteristic of the people of his race, attracted to him a multitude of friends and admirers.

"His open handed charities (oft abused) were dispensed with a lavishness wholly disproportioned to his means. A partisan, in political warfare, his powerful personality was a tower of strength to those whose cause he so unselfishly espoused. But when the storm of conflict subsided, if, as sometimes occurred, his was the portion of the vanquished, he never failed to greet the victor with a warmth of feeling that at once established an 'entente cordiale' which no future embroilments could dissolve. His public life was characterized by the same distinguishing traits that made him such a conspicuous figure in private life. His captivating manners and graceful courtesy made him easily approachable at all times.

"Fidelity to duty, strict integrity and thoroughness in method in his official duties, establishes a record in the important department over which he was called to preside. \* \* \* The standard of his sterling manhood was never lowered. Purity of thought and action were the high ideals ever before him, such indeed was the active principle of his life, the shrine of his devotion.

"To the bereaved wife, the venerable mother, the sorrowing sister and brothers, the full measure of public sympathy will go forth. Some solace for them will be found in the knowledge that an entire community shares their grief, and most

profoundly regret the passing of one whose like they will never see again."

Mr. Lawler was a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Typographical Union, Good Intent Fire Company and the Board of Trade, which latter body had been newly organized just before his death and with which he had been actively identified. His active association with labor organizations began in 1875, when he joined the International Typographical Union, and he was mainly instrumental in starting the Knights of Labor in Sunbury in 1876, serving as first president of the local organization, No. 400. He was a regularly commissioned organizer of the American Federation of Labor. For two terms he was vice-president of the Washington Typographical Union, which he represented at Louisville, Ky., in 1894, and just before his death he had been chosen as a delegate to the approaching convention of the Union to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., in August, 1907.

In 1886 Mr. Lawler married Virginia Mills, daughter of Henry and Mary (Brown) Mills, the former a native of England, who, at the age of sixteen, upon coming to this country, first settled in Baltimore, Md., in 1873, coming to Sunbury, Pa., where he resided until his death in 1886. Mrs. Mills is also deceased, and they are interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom died young except Virginia, Mrs. Lawler. Mr. Lawler was a member of the Catholic Church, to which his widow also belongs. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lawler was survived by his mother, sister, Miss Mary Lawler, and brothers William, John, Charles and James Lawler, all of Sunbury.

SMITH. This family has been identified with Lower Augusta township and that vicinity for over eighty years. Robert Smith, whose parents came from Ireland, lived at Lewisburg, Pa., then called "Derrstown," until 1830, when he came to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. Here he lived and died. He was born in 1777, and died Sept. 24, 1844, aged sixty-seven years. He was a tall, heavily built man, very strong, and was engaged as a boatman. His wife, Mary, died Jan. 13, 1861, aged sixty-six years, nine months, three days. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian church in Lower Augusta township. Mary Smith was a daughter of James and Barbara Ann (Weinhold) Smith, both natives of Berks county. They were Germans, and spoke German. Robert and Mary Smith had children as follows: James, Washington, William, Sarah, Charles, Robert, Mary, Barbara Ann and John.

Robert Smith, son of Robert, was born at Lewis-





burg, Pa., Aug. 20, 1822. When he was eight years old his parents settled in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared to manhood, and there later he purchased 300 acres of land. This has now been divided into a number of tracts, some of which are still in the family name. He was a stonemason, and reputed to have been one of the very best mechanics of his time. He built the County jail at Sunbury, the law office of Simon P. Wolverton, Esq., the residence of the late Judge Rockefeller, and many more of the most notable structures in Northumberland and surrounding counties. In Connecticut he erected a large granite railroad bridge. He died Jan. 1, 1896, in his seventy-fourth year, and is buried at Mount Zion U. B. church, in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Isabella St. Clair, was born Oct. 11, 1823, and is still living, the oldest woman in her township. She has her home with a son. She is exceptionally well preserved, and has a remarkably clear memory. She was a daughter of Casper St. Clair and granddaughter of Daniel St. Clair, who was a Drum Major in the Revolutionary war. Robert and Isabella (St. Clair) Smith had eleven children: Charles (a stone mason), Kate, James H., Henry C., Newton, Wellington (who died in infancy) and Oliver (a stonemason), twins, Matilda, Andrew J., William, Henrietta (the two last named died in infancy).

Andrew J. Smith, son of Robert, Jr., was born Feb. 20, 1861. When he was seventeen years old he began teaching school, and in 1889 began working at Honey Pot Scales, at Nanticoke, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he remained in all fourteen years, being their chief clerk there eight years. In 1903 he moved to one of his farms, a tract of 146 acres located in Rockefeller township, formerly the Andrew Gonsor homestead. Mr. Smith has another farm of 120 acres, near Fisher's Ferry in Lower Augusta township. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church. He married Carrie E. Heilman, and they have a family of nine children: Ada (a school teacher), Edna, Harold, Maud, Helen, Robert, Walter, Lillian and Albert.

James H. Smith, son of Robert, Jr., was born Nov. 20, 1847. He worked for his parents until twenty-one years old, and then for eleven years farmed on shares in Lower Augusta township where he has always lived. In February, 1882, he purchased his present 120-acre farm, which was the Joseph Shipman tract. For the past thirty-eight years Mr. Smith has attended the Sunbury markets. He is a Republican, was school director for twelve years, and has been overseer of the poor for the past twelve years. He and his family are members of the Mountain Presbyterian Church, which he has served officially for the past twenty years. In 1871 he married Matilda Snyder, and they have the following ten children: Martha, Benja-

min, Cora, Lottie, Florence, Peter, James, Mary, John and Sarah.

HENRY J. MAIER, merchant at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, was born July 27, 1867, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., but has lived at Locust Gap from early boyhood. His father, Henry Maier, came from Breitenbach, Germany, when a young man and settled first in Schuylkill county, where he followed mining at St. Clair and Girardville before his removal to Locust Gap, in 1871. There he also followed mining. He died in 1887 at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and his wife, Margaret (Schwartz), died in 1880. Their children were as follows: Louisa (Mrs. John Knauf), Jacob, Mary, Margaret, Henry J., Frank, John, Nicholas, Elizabeth (deceased) and Peter (deceased).

Henry J. Maier was reared and educated at Locust Gap. When only fourteen months old he met with a misfortune which disabled him physically, a doctor administering medicine which was too strong for him and which so affected his nerves that the greater part of his body is paralyzed, though he does not suffer. He has the use of his right arm and left leg, however, and he has not allowed the unfortunate accident to check his ambition or impair his usefulness to society in any way. In 1888 he began the grocery business on his own account, in the basement of the McCarthy hotel, and later removed to his present location, carrying a well selected and comprehensive general stock, chosen to meet the demands of his trade, which has increased steadily. In 1905 he built his home at Locust Gap, and he is one of the substantial and respected citizens of that place. His fellow citizens have shown their confidence in his integrity and ability by electing him to various local positions of trust, he having served Mount Carmel township seven years as school director and filled all the offices of the board, and he was township auditor for a term. He is a Democrat in political connection and a Catholic in religion, belonging also to the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Foresters.

On April 21, 1904, Mr. Maier married Mary Ruffing, daughter of Lambert Ruffing, and they have had seven children, four of whom, Catherine, Helen, Estella and Henry Joseph, Jr. (who died July 2, 1910), are deceased. The survivors are: Florence, Mary and Margaret.

JOHN WESLEY HENRIE, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, manager and part owner of the "Windsor Hotel," is well known to the local and traveling public there in that connection as well as in his capacity of assessor, in which position he has served for the past twelve years, from the Second ward. Mr. Henrie is a native of Shamokin, born March 9, 1870, at the old family home, No.



120 North Shamokin street. His father, Harrison Henrie, was a well known contractor and builder of the city in his day, and his grandfather came to this county many years ago.

George Henrie, the grandfather, was born in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and on coming to Northumberland county settled near Elysburg. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. He and his wife, Kate, had six children: Samuel, Harriet (married Jacob Swank), Margaret (married a Mr. Kelly and a Mr. Startzel), Harrison, William and George.

Harrison Henrie, son of George, came to Shamokin when a young man and here spent the remainder of his days. He began his business career following his trade, that of bricklayer and plasterer, and in time became a contractor, building many of the substantial residences and churches in that place. He was a prominent Democrat, and in 1875 was elected to the office of county commissioner, being re-elected in 1877, at the close of his first term. But he died shortly afterward, and Philip Hile was appointed his successor. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Henrie married Mary J. Bird, daughter of Ziba Bird, and to them were born the following children: Margaret, wife of Charles F. Huth, an attorney practicing at the Northumberland county bar; Edward, who died young; William, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; George, of Trenton, N. J.; Emma, wife of William Mutchler; Samuel, who died in infancy; John W.; Edna, who died in infancy; and Jennie, wife of William Harpel, of Rochester, New York.

John Wesley Henrie received his education in the common and high schools of his native place. After commencing work he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company for a period of six years, part of this time in the office of the superintendent. He then engaged in business, as a dealer in men's furnishings, continuing thus until May 12, 1902, when his connection with the "Windsor Hotel" began. He was clerk for several years, until the Windsor Hotel Company of Shamokin was incorporated, April 16, 1906, when he became a member of the company and manager of the hotel. His success in this incumbency has been sufficient evidence of his fitness for the work. He is popular with the traveling public as well as with his fellow townsmen, both for his enterprise in conducting a satisfactory hotel, one that is a credit to Shamokin, and for his high character as a man. Socially he is well known, having been one of the organizers of the Clover Club, in 1888, and a charter member, and he has filled all the offices in that body. He is a member of Elks Lodge No. 355 and of the Liberty Fire Company and for a time served as president of the Liberty Hose Company; he is a mem-

ber of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association. In politics Mr. Henrie is a Republican, and for the past twelve years has been assessor of the Second ward of Shamokin.

The Bird family, to which Mrs. Mary J. (Bird) Henrie, widow of Harrison Henrie, belongs, has been quite numerous and well known in this region since her grandfather, James Bird, came hither from New Jersey.

James Bird was born in Warren county, N. J., and was married in his native State, moving to Northumberland county with his family and settling in Rush township in its pioneer days. He purchased a large and uncultivated tract of land on Little Roaring creek, and died in Rush township, on the farm where he first settled. His children were: John, Joseph, James, William, Sylvanus (born in 1796), Ziba, Susan (married William Kimball), Sarah (Mrs. Scott), Rachel (married Jacob Shipman) and Nancy.

Ziba Bird, son of James, was born in Warren county, N. J., and came with his parents to Northumberland county. He assisted his father in the development of the farm in Rush township and also learned the carpenter's trade. He followed farming for a time on Little Roaring creek, but later went to Shamokin to take charge of the mining operations there of John C. Boyd, a prominent citizen of Danville, and he became quite prominent in the early days of the town. He was one of the first settlers there, and erected the first two buildings in what is now Shamokin. He also did considerable building later, two double houses on the south side of Commercial street, between Franklin and Pearl, and probably others, being of his construction. He continued to be interested in coal operations for several years, but retired from that line when the town and business began to settle down to a level after the first wave of prosperity, and he then returned to Rush township, where he established himself as a farmer. He subsequently moved to Red Point, on the Susquehanna river, just on the Montour and Northumberland county line, below Danville, purchasing a home there in which he passed the remainder of his life. He died there at the age of sixty-five. His activity and usefulness in promoting Shamokin's interests in the early days of the town entitle him to be classed among the real founders of the place.

Mr. Bird married three times, and had in all nineteen children. His first wife, Hannah Metz (Mentz or Metze), was the mother of six children: Annie; Joseph, born in 1814; Catharine; Sarah; Elizabeth, born in 1818, who married William Burkenbine and is still living, making her home in the borough of Northumberland; and James, who died in infancy. By his second wife, Elizabeth Farley, Mr. Bird had the following children:





John, Hannah, Ziba, Jr., Kellop (who died in infancy) and Susanna (who died in infancy). His third marriage was to Margaret Mutchler, by whom he had eight children: Mary J. (widow of Harrison Henrie, of Shamokin), William, Nelson, Montgomery, Eliza, Emma, Samuel and Margaret.

Mrs. Mary J. Henrie, widow of Harrison Henrie, was the first girl born in Shamokin, one John Snyder being the first boy. She was born Oct. 14, 1835, at the corner of Commerce and Shamokin streets.

**WILLIAM DALIUS**, who lived from early manhood until his death in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 16, 1800, in Berks county, Pa. On coming to this county he settled on a small farm, a tract of eighteen acres, which he cultivated, and where he passed the remainder of his long life, dying April 21, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years, two months, five days. He is buried at Lantz's church. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Dalius married Elizabeth (Betsy) Arnold, who was born Aug. 11, 1805, in Berks county, and whose father died when she was a child. She was reared in the family of her elder sister, Mrs. Komp. Mrs. Dalius died Dec. 10, 1869, aged sixty-four years, three months, thirty days. Seven children were born to their union: (1) Caroline, born April 1, 1827, died July 26, 1896, unmarried, and she and her sister Sarah are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury, where a large monument has been erected to their memory. (2) Sarah, born May 3, 1830, died Aug. 23, 1896, unmarried. (3) Eliza married Benjamin Lake and lives at Shamokin, Pa. (4) Mary, who resides at No. 324 Market street, Sunbury, is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church in that borough. (5) Louisa died when thirteen years old. (6) Catharine and (7) Margaret, twins, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dalius also reared another girl, Louisa, who took their name and made her home with them. On Aug. 28, 1893, she was married in Buffalo, N. Y., to Walter T. Keiner, and their home is in Sunbury, Miss Mary Dalius residing with them. Mrs. Keiner became the legatee of the Dalius estate.

**WALTER T. KEINER** was born in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and has for a number of years been engaged as a hotel clerk. He was formerly connected with the "Aldine Hotel," in Sunbury, in that capacity, and is now at the "Hotel Normandy," in Philadelphia. He also conducted the "Westmount Hotel," at Atlantic City, N. J., for one year. Mr. and Mrs. Keiner have no family.

**THOMAS J. McCAFFERY**, of Shamokin, a teacher of almost forty years' experience in Coal township, Northumberland county, is naturally one of the best known citizens of that region. He

holds the respect and friendship of a wide circle, including his fellow educators and those who have come under his instruction.

Mr. McCaffery was born in 1853 at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Doyle) McCaffery, natives of Ireland, the former of whom came to America when a young man, in 1846, the latter when she was a girl of fifteen. Dennis McCaffery first located at Pottsville, in 1853 coming to Shamokin, where he passed the remainder of his days. He followed mining, and was killed at the mines Oct. 7, 1863. His wife survived many years, dying at Shamokin in 1906. She left many friends, being particularly well known among the older residents of the borough.

Thomas J. McCaffery was the only child of his parents. He attended public school in Shamokin, but began work before his school days were over, as a slate picker. Later he followed mining for a time, but his mind turned to more congenial occupation, and he took up his studies again, going to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and also to the State normal school at Millersville, in Lancaster county, Pa. He began teaching in 1872, and has followed that profession ever since, having been engaged in Coal township throughout that long period. He is one of the teachers at the Morse building. Mr. McCaffery resides at the old family home, No. 429 West Spruce street, Shamokin. He is a Democrat and has done some local party work, and for three years he served his ward as member of the borough council.

On May 27, 1884, Mr. McCaffery married Mary Sweney, of Shamokin, daughter of Michael and Mary (Mitchell) Sweney, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, who is at home with her parents. Mr. McCaffery is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

**HENRY WILSON LARK**, senior member of the firm of Lark & Lark, manufacturers of overalls, shirts and coats, of Shamokin, is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Northumberland county.

Mr. Lark was born in this city May 9, 1881, son of Emanuel S. Lark, sketch of whom is given in full elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1899. For a short time after leaving school he did clerical work, and then became a traveling salesman for D. K. Haas & Co., with whom he continued for four years. After leaving the road he was bookkeeper for the Shamokin Hardware Company until April 18, 1903, when he formed a partnership with C. C. Malick, under the firm name of Lark & Malick, for the manufacture of overalls, coats and shirts, and they established their factory at No. 27 Carbon street. In 1908 Mr. Malick withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Lark's





younger brother, Thomas F. Lark, was admitted in his stead, the firm name becoming Lark & Lark. The business has been continued with a steadily increasing trade, and from thirty-five to forty people are now employed all the year round.

Mr. Lark married Grace A. Aucker, daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Deibler) Aucker, of Shamokin, and their children are: Henry W., Jr., Emeline Boyer, Sarah Elizabeth, Jacob Aucker and Frederick Emanuel. Mr. Lark is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and is also a member of the consistory. He is a director of the Central Building and Loan Association of Shamokin, was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin, and is looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of that borough, highly respected by all who know him.

**THOMAS FREDERICK LARK**, junior member of the firm of Lark & Lark, manufacturers of overalls, coats and shirts, is one of the rising young business men of Shamokin. He was born in that city April 18, 1883, son of Emanuel S. and Emeline (Boyer) Lark, his father being the present superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Lark was educated in the public schools, attending until the close of his second year in high school. He then began the serious business of life as a bookkeeper for Warren Unger, with whom he remained for a period of seven years. In May, 1906, he entered the firm of Lark & Malick, and in 1908, on the retirement of Mr. Malick, the name was changed to Lark & Lark. Mr. Lark has devoted his entire time to business, and he is highly regarded by those who have come in contact with him. He has high principles, and is careful and conscientious in his dealings.

Mr. Lark was married to Blanch H. Sowers, daughter of C. L. Sowers, a well known merchant at Shamokin. To this union have been born two children, Thomas Chester and Dorothy Blanche. Mr. Lark is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Triple Links Club. His religious connection is with St. John's Reformed Church.

**DAVID H. SNYDER**, who has resided in the borough of Snyder town since he gave up farming, in 1909, was born Sept. 25, 1845, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and comes of a family of German origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania.

Frederick Snyder, grandfather of David H. Snyder, was a farmer, and lived and died in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. He was twice married, and among his children were Gideon, Isaac, Samuel, Peter, Benneville, Israel, and some daughters.

Isaac Snyder, son of Frederick, was born Jan. 9, 1816, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county,

and there passed his youth and early manhood. About the year 1855 he came to Northumberland county, locating in Ralpho township, where he bought the old Daniel Haas farm of 136 acres, besides 121 acres of woodland known as the Little Mountain. His farm was near the Blue church. He carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred upon his farm March 31, 1886, when he was aged seventy years, two months, twenty-two days. His wife, Elizabeth (Herb), daughter of Daniel Herb, was born in Schuylkill county near the Northumberland county line, Oct. 3, 1819, and died Dec. 23, 1900. They had children as follows: Hannah, who married Samuel Savidge; Lydia, who married Fisher Klase; David H.; Amelia; Gabriel; Joseph; Charles; Mary E., who married J. E. Pensyl; and Sarah J., who married Isaac Klase.

David H. Snyder, son of Isaac, remained with his father until he attained his majority, meanwhile obtaining his education in the local public schools. For the next four years he was in the employ of Boughner & Fredericks, making powder, and at the end of that time began farming, buying part of the old homestead, a tract of seventy acres upon which he settled, following farming there until a short time ago. He made a success of his agricultural operations, and was a citizen of standing and enviable reputation, active in the affairs of his township, which he served as school director and overseer of the poor. He was also well known in his connection with the Methodist Church, which he served as class leader for a period of twenty years. In politics he gives his support to the Prohibitionist party. In 1909 Mr. Snyder gave up active farm work and moved into the borough of Snyder town.

Mr. Snyder married Ursula Repley, who was born Sept. 26, 1845, daughter of Henry and Mary E. (Scout) Repley, and died Nov. 12, 1907; she is buried at the Oak Grove church. One daughter was born to this union, Eulalia, wife of George W. Cook; they reside in Ralpho township. On Feb. 13, 1910, Mr. Snyder married (second) Clara E. Martz, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kaseman) Martz.

**BERNARD E. ADAMS**, proprietor of the "Anthracite Hotel," at No. 118 South Market street, Shamokin, and one of the best known residents of that busy city, was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in 1837, son of Gideon and Sarah (Eshman) Adams.

There are numerous representatives of the Adam or Adams family in Northumberland county. Its history in America goes back to the first half of the eighteenth century, when Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, emigrated to these shores. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which



vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. Anthony Adam's age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years, and one account says he was born in the Fatherland, another that he was a French Huguenot. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches of land in Albany township, Berks county, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. It is probable that he settled in Albany township immediately after his arrival in the New World, as he was a settler there in 1752, and he witnessed and participated in the trying times of the French and Indian wars. His farm is now in the possession of Nathan Weisner, of Round Top, Albany township, Berks county. On Feb. 7, 1748, he also received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres, 47 perches "above Maxatawny," and in 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. He was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, of Albany township, in 1766, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony (or Andoni, as he wrote his name) Adam, of Albany township, is not known. Neither do we know the name of his wife, but it is known that he had sons: Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who moved to Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Peter.

Nicholas Adam, the ancestor of a large number of this name, possibly another son of Andoni, was a native of Berks county, born July 5, 1756, and coming to Northumberland settled in the Swabian Creek district, in what is now known as Washington township. He was a farmer, owning the farm which later became the property of Isaac Tryon, a large tract, and he also owned what are now the farms of Nathan Adams, Mrs. James Troutman, Cornelius Adams and Galen Stepp, besides land along the deep creek. In fact, he was one of the most extensive landowners in his section. He died April 11, 1826, and is buried at Himmel's church. His death was caused by consumption. His wife, Anna Maria, nee Kaler, born March 3, 1763, died Aug. 4, 1839. His sons were: John, who left children, Gabriel and Nathaniel; Gideon; Absalom, mentioned below; Nicholas, who left children, Abraham, Nicholas, Adam and daughters: Adam, who died unmarried; Bernhard; and several daughters.

Absalom Adam, grandfather of Bernard E. Adams, was evidently a son of Nicholas, was born at Greenbrier, and lived to an advanced age, dying about 1849. He was a farmer, owning property which is still in the family name, the farm

now owned by his grandson, Nathan Adams. He was a pioneer in Washington township, where he came to live when the land was nearly all covered with timber, settling in the hills because he thought good hay could be grown in the valleys. The house in which he lived, near the mountain, stood for many years, being torn down by Nathan Adams in 1908. Mr. Adam and his family are buried at the Himmel church. His wife, whose maiden name was Wentzel, died before him, being stricken with paralysis while engaged in sweeping. She was advanced in years at the time. Ten children were born to this couple: Leah married Mr. Williams; Eliza married James Anders, of Minersville; Rebecca married Abraham Bressler; Sallie married Peter Howerter; Jestina married Peter Baer; Hannah married Henry Schroeder; Gideon lived in the Mahantango Valley, but died in Shamokin, when over eighty years old; Nicholas is mentioned elsewhere; Adam lived many years in Shamokin, where he died when nearly seventy; John, who had lived in Illinois, died on the field of battle during the Civil war.

Gideon Adams, son of Absalom, was born on the homestead in 1807, and died at Shamokin in 1890. He came to Shamokin about 1866, and led a retired life. He married Sarah Eshman, who died aged sixty-five years. Their children were: John H., mentioned below; Bernard E.; N. Albert; Harriet; Elizabeth, and Charlotte, all now deceased except Bernard.

Bernard E. Adams has been the architect of his own fortune. His early life was spent on the home farm, and at the age of fourteen he went to live with Jacob Maurer as hired boy, and nine months later came to Shamokin, where he found work at the mason's trade, building bridges for the Northern Central Railroad Company between Mt. Carmel and Sunbury. He next went to Stone Valley, where he was employed in a lime quarry, after which he worked for Gabriel Herb for some time. For several years he was engaged in huckstering. In 1873 he went to Locust Gap, and there worked at the stone mason's trade until he came to Shamokin in 1865. From 1867 to 1876 he worked at his trade in Freeburg. For thirty-five years he has been in the hotel business at Shamokin, and is justly popular with his patrons. He also operated one of the largest marble yards in Shamokin for several years.

In 1862 Mr. Adams enlisted in his country's service, becoming a member of Company K, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served ten months. He is a member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R.; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and the Red Men. In politics he is a





Republican. With his family he attends the Reformed Church. His home is on South Market street.

On Feb. 22, 1858, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Anna Arnold, a native of Snyder county, Pa., daughter of Henry and Anna Arnold, of that county. Eleven children blessed this union: Henry Franklin, deceased; Arthur R., at home; Percival A., deceased; J. Elmer, deceased; Charles O., a carpenter in Philadelphia; William Clyde, who died April 3, 1911; Bernard E. Jr., of Portland, Oregon; Sylvia, who married W. H. Happer; Warren E.; Anna J., wife of Howard Knapp, of Portland, Oregon; and Mabel F., who married Merton K. Sausser, of Shamokin. The mother of this family died May 9, 1911, at the age of seventy-two years. Shamokin was her home for over fifty years, and she was one of the oldest and most respected residents of that borough, well known to many and beloved of all who enjoyed her acquaintance. She was a member of Chapter No. 77, O. E. S., of Milton, of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights Templar, and of Trinity Lutheran church. She left twenty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

JOHN H. ADAMS, elder brother of Bernard E., was born in Upper Mahanoy township in 1834, and received his education in the public schools. From 1857 to 1863 he was engaged in the hotel business in Upper Mahanoy township, but in the latter year he moved to Freeburg, Snyder county, and became a traveling salesman for John S. Lentz, wholesale liquor dealer. In 1871 he came to Shamokin, and for two years was engaged in a mercantile business. He then became a member of the firm of Adams, Haldeman & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, of Philadelphia, and in this he continued for five years. In 1878 he again came to Shamokin, and embarked in the mercantile business, part of the time alone and part with partners, being thus engaged until he sold out intending to retire. In a short time he again found himself drawn into the business world, and after a brief connection with the wholesale liquor firm of Charles F. Stadiger & Co., of Philadelphia, he established a business of his own on Market street, Shamokin, where he continued until his death.

In 1856 Mr. Adams married Ellehna H., daughter of Peter Beisel, and they had three children: John Q., attorney at law, now deceased; Emma R., widow of Thomas F. Foltz; and Martha J., wife of Francis A. Miller. Mr. Adams was a staunch Republican in politics, and held the office of justice of the peace. On June 6, 1859, he was commissioned a major in the State militia. Socially he belonged to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Prince of Peace Commandery, K. T., of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

SAVIDGE. Benjamin Savidge was a native of New Jersey, and came to this part of Pennsylvania at an early period, settling in Montour county, below Washingtonville. He was a farmer by occupation. In church connection he was a Baptist and he is buried at Turbutville. His wife, Esther Bond, came with him from New Jersey. They were the parents of fourteen children: Hunter, John, Samuel, William, Thomas, Robert, Catharine (married Lambert Jarett), Charlotte (married James McCarthy), Margaret (married Alfred Haycock), Nancy (married James Watts), Maria (who never married), and three who died young.

William Savidge, son of Benjamin, was born near Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., and died in July, 1876. He was a merchant at Turbutville many years, having begun clerking at Milton and later engaged in business for himself, following the same line until four years before his death. He also served as postmaster. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as school director. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Milton, and served as director of same until his death. In religion he was a Baptist. His wife, Elizabeth (Staton), was a daughter of John Staton. Her death, in September, 1870, was caused by a lamp explosion in their residence at Turbutville, her clothing catching fire; she died four hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Savidge had three children: Sarah, who married P. W. Opp (both are deceased); Benjamin; and Esther H., who married Jacob McFarland.

Benjamin Savidge, son of William, is a well known merchant of Turbutville and a director of the Turbutville National Bank. He was born Aug. 20, 1852, was educated in the local schools and began clerking in his father's store at an early age. After assisting him until 1886 he began business for himself, succeeding his father at Turbutville in the general mercantile establishment, and he now has the leading store and stock in town. He has the homestead property at Lewistown of 200 acres, and is one of the substantial men of his district. In 1910 he helped to organize the Turbutville National Bank and is one of its directors; he is also a director of the First National Bank of Milton, Pa. Mr. Savidge is a Democrat and has served as borough auditor. He and family are members of the Baptist church, which he has served as deacon for many years.

In May, 1879, Mr. Savidge married Sophia Runyon, daughter of G. B. Runyon, of Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and they have had six children: Elizabeth, Barton R., William, Hunter, Ruth and Myron.

HENRY RICHARD, of Ralpho township, has passed practically all his life on the farm near





Elysburg where he still makes his home. It has been owned by three successive generations of the Richard family, his grandfather, Andrew Richard, having owned and lived on the place before this section was known as Ralpho township. He had a tract of 120 acres, followed farming successfully, and was one of the substantial citizens of his day. He is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township.

George Richard, son of Andrew, was born in 1802 in what is now Ralpho township, and spent all his life upon the farm, dying in 1875. His wife, Mary (Polly) Kulp, born in 1811, died in 1883, and they are buried in the cemetery at the Blue church, where both were members. They had children as follows: Sallie, William, David, Mary Jane, Lettie, George, Henry, John, Hannah and Elizabeth.

Henry Richard, son of George and Mary (Kulp) Richard, was born July 8, 1833, in Ralpho township, near where he now resides. He obtained his education in his native township and remained upon the farm with his father until the latter's death, after which the property came into his possession. He is a well known and highly respected man, one of the oldest farmers in his township, and has the good will and friendship of all with whom he associates. In his political views Mr. Richard is a Democrat, but he has never taken any active part in party affairs or public matters. He has never married.

LORENZO D. CHERRY, who has a butcher business and farm at the Weigh Scales, in Shamokin township, is a son of the late Alba B. Cherry, who founded the butcher business and carried it on for twenty years. Mr. Cherry was born in Shamokin township Feb. 2, 1873. His great-grandfather came to America in the early days of the development of this region and settled in the lower part of Northumberland county, Pa., passing the remainder of his life here. Beyond the fact that he died when a young man little is known concerning him. His son, John Cherry, was the grandfather of Lorenzo D. Cherry. There was also a son James, who settled in Center county, Pa., besides two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

John Cherry lived at Hollowing Run, near Fisher's Ferry, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and there followed his trade, that of blacksmith, throughout his active years. He died there when comparatively a young man, and is buried along the river bank near Fisher's Ferry. His wife, Elizabeth (Persing), died Feb. 22, 1876, aged seventy-seven years, three months, thirteen days, and is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Her father, Philip Persing, lived to be 101 years old. The Persing family is an old and prominent one in Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry had the fol-

lowing children: Catharine married David Moyer and had children, Mahlon (deceased), John (deceased), Mary A., Clara, Sarah and Henry; Elizabeth married Jonas Himmel and had children, Mary A., Alice, Sarah, Isabella, John and Grant; Hannah married Solomon Haas and they had children, Annie, Hattie, Ella, Louis, Ben, Fienna, Charles and John; Jemima married Jared Kating and their children were Thomas, John, Annie, Mary, James, Joseph, Laury and Alice (they removed to Dushore, in Sullivan county, Pa.); Solomon married Mary Krick and they had Agnes, Dellie, Mazie, Solomon and Grant; Samuel married Salina Campbell and (second) Maria Higgins, and there were three children by the first union, Theo, John and Elizabeth; Alba B. was the father of Lorenzo D. Cherry.

The following is taken from a history of Northumberland county published some years ago: "The Cherry family was early represented in this locality (Shamokin), and is said to have suffered in the Indian depredations of the Revolutionary period. The name of James Cherry appears as a taxable in Shamokin township in 1788; he was probably the first settler, and cleared land at Luke Fidler, Springfield and elsewhere, residing at a house subsequently known as Irich's. By the division of the Clark tract in 1803 John Cherry was assigned the lower or western portion. Joseph Cherry settled on the plat near Eagle Run brewery, where vestiges of his improvements were visible long after his residence there had terminated. Prior to the war of 1812 Abraham Cherry built a sawmill on Shamokin creek opposite the Cameron colliery, and near it stood an old dwelling house, for many years a landmark in this section. Another member of this family had a distillery on the hill east of Shamokin."

Alba B. Cherry, son of John Cherry, was born in 1834, and died April 25, 1905, aged seventy years, nine months, nineteen days. In early life he followed railroading, and later engaged in farming in Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, where about 1870 he commenced the butcher business now conducted by his son. He himself carried it on until 1890, after which he resumed farming, devoting all his time to that calling until his death. He married Lavina Moyer, who was born in 1831, daughter of Jacob Moyer, of Shamokin township, and died May 30, 1900, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, twenty-one days. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are buried at the Upper Methodist church in Shamokin township, of which church they were active members. They were the parents of four children: Malissa, Emma, Edward and Lorenzo D., all of whom are deceased except Lorenzo.

Lorenzo D. Cherry attended the public schools of his native township and subsequently learned the butcher's trade with his father. In 1890 he took charge of the business, which he has since



continued, having a general wholesale and retail trade which has shown a steady increase under his efficient management. In 1909 he bought the Isaac Herb farm, upon which his shop is located, at Weigh Scales along the Paxinos road (his post office is Paxinos). All the buildings upon the property, including the butcher shop, are up-to-date and a credit to the owner. Mr. Cherry is an able business man, and he has worked hard to achieve his success, which is well deserved.

On Oct. 11, 1892, Mr. Cherry married Clarissa M. Zimmerman, daughter of Michael and Clarissa (Snyder) Zimmerman, and they have three children: Francis E., Mary E. and Dewey A. Mr. Cherry votes independently, giving his support to the men and measures he likes best. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

LEVI M. SHOOP, grocer and dry goods merchant of Shamokin, is a native of that city and has spent almost all of his business years there. He has had his present establishment since 1897, and is now the leading merchant in the west end, where his honorable and progressive methods have gained him favorable standing.

Mr. Shoop is a great-grandson of Michael Shoop, who was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., and there followed farming. He died at Berrysburg, in Dauphin county. Michael Shoop married Elizabeth Kanarr, daughter of Rev. George Kanarr, an Evangelical minister who had two sons, Isaiah and Josiah, who were also ministers. To Mr. and Mrs. Shoop were born children as follows: Eli died at Berrysburg, Pa.; Caroline married Israel Reed and resides in Nebraska; Levi was the grandfather of Levi M. Shoop.

Levi Shoop, son of Michael, was born Sept. 13, 1830, in Dauphin county, Pa., and died in December, 1891, in Shamokin, Pa., where he is buried. He came to Shamokin in 1859 and followed the plastering business as a contractor, building up a steady patronage in that line, in which he was long successfully engaged. He was well known among the older residents of Shamokin, where he had many friends. In 1884 he erected a handsome home, now occupied by his grandson, Levi M. Shoop, a fine three-story building at the corner of Pine and Market streets. For a time he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with his other business. In politics he was a Republican and interested in local affairs, serving as assistant burgess of Shamokin and also as a member of the council. He was a liberal contributor to the support of the Evangelical Church, and fraternally was a Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., and also a member of the I. O. O. F.

On Jan. 4, 1854, Mr. Shoop married Lydia Hepler, who was born in the Mahantango Valley,

in Schuylkill county, daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Dinger) Hepler, and a descendant of Casper Hepler, who came to America from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county. Casper Hepler's children were: Henry, George, Stoffel and John. John Hepler, son of Casper, had the following children: John, Jacob, George, Peter, Sarah, Lydia, Eliza and Mary. Rev. John Hepler, son of John and grandson of Casper, married Elizabeth Dinger, and they had children as follows: Emanuel, John, Madeline, Susan, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Catherine, Lydia (Mrs. Levi Shoop) and Rachel.

To Levi and Lydia (Hepler) Shoop were born eight children, viz.: Emma Jane died when eight years old; Rev. James M. is the father of Levi M. Shoop; Sarah A. married David Zaring, and died at Philadelphia; Elizabeth E. (twin of Sarah A.) died when three years old; George O., who lives with his mother, is engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business at Shamokin; Charles O. is engaged as a plasterer at Shamokin; William E. died at the age of thirty-one years; Robert C. is engaged in the insurance business at Shamokin. As intimated, the mother of this family is still living, at the age of seventy-six years, making her home with her son George O. in Shamokin.

Rev. James M. Shoop was born Aug. 14, 1854, in Dauphin county, Pa., at Valley View. He began to attend public school before he came to Shamokin with his parents, when nine years old, and here continued his education, later studying at the New Berlin Seminary, from which he was graduated. The Evangelical Board sent him to Marshalltown, Iowa, on his first charge, and he returned East after a year there. He has since been located at different stations of the church in Dauphin, Schuylkill and Berks counties, being now at Dauphin, Dauphin county, about eight miles from Harrisburg. He still has interests in Shamokin, being a large property holder in that city.

Mr. Shoop married Lillie A. Werntz, of Schuylkill county, and they have had five children: Levi M., of Shamokin; Catharine, wife of Rev. Walter Wogelmuth, a Lutheran minister of Fairfield, Iowa; John E., a mining engineer of Shamokin, one of the rising young men of that city (he is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.); Effie, who died in 1891, aged ten years; and Frederick, who is engaged in the piano business in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Levi M. Shoop was born at Shamokin Nov. 19, 1875. He attended public school at the different places in which his father was stationed. His first work was in a squire's office in Shamokin, where he was employed as stenographer, and after nine months in that position he engaged in the insurance business. Only six months later he received promotion, becoming assistant superintendent for the Prudential Company, in which capacity he was





located at Sunbury for a period of fourteen months. He has since been in the grocery and dry goods business, which he began in 1897, and which in the intervening years he has built to profitable proportions, his trade being constantly on the increase. He is now the leading merchant in his line in the west end of the city, and is very well known. Still a young man, he has made a reputation which should pave the way for continued success.

Mr. Shoop married Gertrude Seitz, daughter of William A. and Eliza M. Seitz, and they have a family of three children: Walter A., Holden B. and Russel S.

Fraternally Mr. Shoop is a prominent Mason, being a past master of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; past eminent commander of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; a member of Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree); a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and a member of the Temple Club, of Shamokin, and of the Acacia Club, of Williamsport, Pa. Mr. Shoop had the unusual honor of making his father, an uncle and a brother Masons. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Red Men.

**SAMUEL L. GARINGER**, deceased, contractor of Sunbury, had a number of contracts for public works in that borough, and served as street commissioner, a position for which his special experience well qualified him. He was a native of Upper Augusta township, this county, born Oct. 1, 1852, son of Charles Garinger and grandson of Samuel Garinger. He died in Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 3, 1911.

Samuel Garinger was born July 3, 1799, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and in an early day came to Northumberland county with one Michael Arnold. He lived in what is now Upper Augusta township, having a farm of over one hundred acres at the end of the Narrows, where he caught many shad, which were plentiful there in his day. He died Oct. 22, 1876, on his farm near Lantz's Church, in what is now Rockefeller township. Mr. Garinger was a Democrat in politics, served as supervisor of his township, and was a popular man in his district; he was a Lutheran, and an official member of Lantz's Union Church. His wife, Sarah (Conrad), born Sept. 22, 1801, died Nov. 20, 1855. They had children as follows: (1) Reuben, born Dec. 23, 1822, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he developed and improved the farm he owned, putting up the buildings on that property, which is now owned by Elias Boyer. He married a Miss Malick, and their children were Thomas (who was drowned), Ira, Jane, Julia and Frank. Reuben Garinger

met an accidental death April 21, 1878, falling through the Shamokin bridge, below Sunbury, on his way home from council meeting at Sunbury. (2) Charles is mentioned below. (3) John lived in Rockefeller township. (4) Samuel. (5) Mrs. George McCarthy. (6) Hettie married John Shipe, of Rockefeller township. (7) Susan married Lafayette Haas, of Danville.

Charles Garinger was born in June, 1822, in Rockefeller township. Locating in Upper Augusta township, he followed milling for a time, and later became a contractor, making a great success of his business, which reached important proportions. He was given many large contracts, doing considerable railroad work and much public construction work, including the Northern Central double track from Sunbury to Selinsgrove, the Pine Grove bridge, bridges in Connecticut and other large undertakings. In 1857 he was engaged in railroad building. He gave employment to a large number of men, and while at work in Connecticut kept fifty-six horses for the work in hand, besides four or five yoke of oxen; it cost him thirty thousand dollars to start his work there. Mr. Garinger was a man of forceful character and energy, and he continued in active business until his death, which occurred in December, 1880. He made his home in Sunbury for a number of years, served as a member of the borough council, and was at one time a nominee for county sheriff, but withdrew his name. In politics originally a Democrat, he eventually became a Republican, and he was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Garinger married Deborah Haas, daughter of Frederick Haas, and she survived him but two weeks, her death occurring in the year 1881. They had children as follows: George F.; Emma Alice, who married R. A. Gass, of Purdytown, this county; Samuel L.; Mary Catharine, deceased, who was the wife of Wesley W. Jarrett, of Sunbury; two who are deceased; Charles A., of Sunbury; Margaret L., married to J. William Bartholomew; Adelia Flora, wife of Dr. R. H. Savidge, dentist, of Sunbury; and Sarah J., deceased, who married Ammon Aurand.

George F. Garinger, M. D., was born March 5, 1850, in Upper Augusta township, and received his literary education in the Sunbury schools. He began reading medicine there with Dr. D. W. Shindel, and later attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1873, since when he has practiced his profession with continuous success. He first located for a short time in Snyder and Lebanon counties, settling in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in 1876. In 1873 he married Sadie Smith, daughter of George Smith, of Troxelville, Snyder county, and they have had one child, Mary Adia. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Republican in politics.





Samuel L. Garinger attended the public schools and Sunbury Academy, spending his boyhood and youth in Sunbury, where the family settled when he was very young. In young manhood he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for about ten years in Sunbury, but in 1881 he took up contracting, which he has followed successfully ever since. The substantial qualities of his work have been well proved in the numerous public contracts he has filled in his home locality. In 1892 he built the River Bank in Sunbury, an immense undertaking, over nine thousand perches of stone having been used in the construction work. He built the Sunbury reservoir, in which work he employed eighty-five men, twenty-six horses and carts and a six-horse plow. Most of the streets in Sunbury have been improved by him; he built two streets for the borough by contract, and has done the rest of that kind of the public work by the day. At Riverside he was given the large contract for cutting away the hillside, in which he employed as many as seventy-five men. Besides, he has had many lesser jobs, has built two double houses and one single residence for himself, and has left many creditable evidences of his ability and reliability in construction work all over this vicinity. The nature of the contracts intrusted to him shows the confidence he has won in his honorable fulfillment of every enterprise he undertakes. He is a Republican in politics and has served as street commissioner in Sunbury.

Mr. Garinger married Mary Louisa Miller, daughter of John C. Miller, of Sunbury. They had no children. Mrs. Garinger died in 1891, at the age of forty-two years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He died Jan. 3, 1911, and is buried beside his wife.

**BYRON W. KRINER**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is one of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity in central Pennsylvania and engaged in the business world as private secretary to William R. Reinhardt, superintendent of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, whose offices are at Shamokin. Mr. Kriner was born Sept. 9, 1860, at Williamsport, Pa., and is a son of Hugh Wilson Kriner and grandson of Henry Kriner.

Henry Kriner came to this country from England and located in the Warrior Run Valley, in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed farming. He died in 1878, aged eighty-two years, and is buried at the historic Warrior Run Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. His wife died when yet a young woman, and Byron W. Kriner has two silver spoons which he treasures as mementoes of his grandmother, both bearing the letter "C," one of the initials of her name. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kriner: Richard, who lives

near McEwensville; Anna (deceased), Mrs. Hammond McKee; Mrs. Scott, whose husband and family live in Ohio; and Hugh Wilson.

Hugh Wilson Kriner was born in 1834 in the Warrior Run district, near Muncy Hill, and is jokingly called by his children the "Muncy Hill scout." With the exception of two years, he has lived in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., since 1869. Learning the trade of carpenter in his early life, he has continued to follow it, from 1869 to 1877 being foreman at the William Buechley planing mills at Pottsville. He then moved to Williamsport, where he was connected with the old Otto mills in the same capacity two years, at the end of that period returning to Pottsville to start up the machinery of the Saylor planing mill. Later in the same year he set up the machinery of the car building department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's Pottsville shops and assumed charge of same, and has been thus engaged continuously since. Mr. Kriner makes his home on Eighth street, Pottsville. He is a man of the highest personal standing, a good citizen, and held in universal esteem. At one time he held membership in the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kriner married Susan Wise, who was born Jan. 22, 1834, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Ott) Wise, of Williamsport, and died Nov. 7, 1895. She is buried at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Kriner had a family of three children: Jennie, married to John R. Mortimer, who has charge of the job printing department of the *Eagle*, at Reading, Pa.; Byron W.; and Henry, who died when eighteen months old.

Byron W. Kriner was educated in the public schools of Pottsville and at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, after which he began work as shipper at Pottsville for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. He was then private secretary to E. F. C. Davis, mechanical engineer of the same company, for some years, and when the management changed, in 1891, he continued in the same capacity with John Wood, the present superintendent of the company's shop, until 1893. In that year he was appointed purchasing agent of the Union Coal Company, being thus engaged until that company was absorbed by the Susquehanna Coal Company, in 1904, when he became private secretary to Mr. Reinhardt. He has served in that capacity since, his long experience and efficiency making him a valuable assistant. The office of the company is at Shamokin, but Mr. Kriner makes his home at Mount Carmel. He served in the capacity of School Director of his town for a period of twelve years from 1897, being president of the board for two years.

Mr. Kriner's activity in the Masonic fraternity has made him widely known in central Pennsylvania. He is a member and past master of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., was secretary



of that lodge for six years and from 1904 to 1911, when he resigned, was secretary of the Fraternity Club, in which he has held membership since 1904. He is also president of the Masonic Hall Association, holding that position from the first meeting held to talk over the building project. He is a member, past high priest, and member of the board of trustees of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; member, past eminent commander and member of the board of trustees of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; a member of Adoniram Council, No. 26, R. & S. M., of Williamsport, Pa.; a member of Williamsport Consistory, No. 4, thirty-second degree; a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and a charter member of the Temple Club of Shamokin. He was appointed to office in the consistory, but could not serve because of the inconvenient location. In 1909, at Lancaster, he received appointment as grand marshal of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania from R. W. Grand Commander John F. Laedlein. He has also been active in the Elks and the Odd Fellows, being a past grand of Miners Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., of Pottsville, and past chief patriarch of Franklin Encampment, No. 4, of Pottsville, and he was elected exalted ruler of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Mount Carmel, at its institution.

The Presbyterian Church at Mount Carmel counts Mr. Kriner among its active workers, he being secretary of the board of trustees at the present time. The ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone of this church, which were public, were held Oct. 27, 1907, and were largely attended, the affair being one long to be remembered: the corner stone was laid by Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., of Mount Carmel, Hon. Frederick A. Godcharles acting as R. W. Grand Master on this occasion, and Mr. Kriner as deputy.

In 1884 Mr. Kriner married Kate Geier, daughter of Thomas and Lavina Geier, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had one child, Thomas, who died in 1886. Mrs. Kriner died Jan. 3, 1890, at the age of twenty-nine years, and she and her son are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. In 1893 Mr. Kriner married (second) Margaret S. Cascaden, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth (Sproul) Cascaden, of Phoenixville, Pa. They have had three children, George C., Eleanor W. and Margaret E.

GEORGE CASCADEN KRINER, born at Mount Carmel May 25, 1894, received his education in the public schools of that place and was a member of the 1911 graduating class—the first class under a four years' term.

On April 20th a competitive examination was held at Bloomsburg for candidates for the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and George won the appointment of principal. His parents sent him to

Wernitz preparatory school at Annapolis, where he had six weeks of preparatory work, and on June 21, 22, 23 and 24 underwent a most rigid mental examination, on July 3d finishing with his physical examinations, both of which he passed successfully and entered the Naval Academy July 5, 1911, as a midshipman. He is a fine specimen of manhood, six feet, one inch in height and weighing 170 pounds.

FRANK ZIMMERMAN, a representative young business man of Shamokin, was born Oct. 30, 1868, in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He is the son of Abraham Zimmerman, Jr., and grandson of Abraham Zimmerman, Sr., both deceased.

Among those who emigrated to America from Germany in the Colonial period was one Michael Zimmerman, the present Mr. Zimmerman's great-grandfather. He settled in the upper part of Berks county, Pa., and lived in that section until his death. There Abraham Zimmerman, Sr., son of Michael, was born. Later he removed from Berks county to Schuylkill county, locating at what is known as Sculp's Hill, this locality being about one and a half miles southeast of Landingville. In later years the Zuber family came into possession of the Zimmerman farm. Both Abraham Zimmerman and his wife, who before marriage was Maria Greenawalt, are buried in the Red Church cemetery, situated in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. Seven children blessed the home of this couple, viz.: Polly, who became Mrs. Daniel Dewalt; Fiaetta, who became Mrs. Daniel Freeman; Caroline, the wife of Charles Warmkessel; Sarah, wife of Hiram Meyer; Isaac, who died in Schuylkill county; Daniel, whose death occurred in Upper Bern township, Berks county; and Abraham, Jr.

The last named was born Feb. 3, 1818, and died May 28, 1897. His vocation was that of cobbler, at which occupation he worked during his entire active life. Eliza Weaver, whom he married, was born July 5, 1838, and died Feb. 6, 1897. They are buried at Auburn, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of the following children: Frank, referred to in the following paragraphs; Charles, of Shamokin, married to Susan Berger and father of two children, Vesta and Lottie; and Susana, wife of William H. Ketner, of Shamokin, and mother of two sons, John H. Ketner, city editor of the Shamokin *Dispatch*, and Clyde F. Ketner, a reporter on the Shamokin *News*.

Frank Zimmerman, referred to at the beginning of this article, came to Shamokin in 1887, from Landingville, Schuylkill county, and entered the employ of W. J. Feldhoff, wholesale liquor dealer, as a clerk and bookkeeper, serving his em-





ployer always faithfully, conscientiously and to the best of his ability. He occupied his spare time and evenings studying business methods in the Shamokin business college. This time, which was so valuably passed, yielded an ample reward in later years. The young bookkeeper soon won the favor and confidence of his employer through his progressive tactics, and by dint of hard toil, faithful and diligent application, and business acumen, a combination of qualities destined to make itself felt in the Shamokin business world within a few short years. This constant attention to business warranted the young man's employer in placing sufficient confidence in him to make it his last request that his business should be continued under Mr. Zimmerman's management, making him the responsible manager of the business. In 1895 Mr. Feldhoff died and his interests have since been retained by his widow, who at present resides at Allentown. Mr. Zimmerman was then admitted as a partner, the duties of the management devolving upon him. The firm is known as Feldhoff & Zimmerman.

During the administration of the new partner's employer, the establishment had been known for its excellent facilities, its reliability and complete line of stock. However, it was only a short time before the new manager made decided improvements. A heavier and more complete stock of imported and domestic wines, gins, brandies, cordials, straight and blended whiskies, etc., was secured, and the facilities were made the very best, enabling the firm to supply the constantly and rapidly growing trade in the largest quantities on the shortest notice, and to quote prices and terms which made it possible for Mr. Zimmerman to canvass this section of the State and vie with the largest and best houses in Pennsylvania with his stock of goods. The trade now extends over a radius of one hundred miles from Shamokin, covering all the territory in this section of the State. The house has been so long established, and the firm name so well known, that its reputation as to reliability, to the age, value and quality of its supplies to-day is accepted without question by many who have dealt with the establishment for years. In this State the house has a reputation second to none.

Several years ago Mr. Zimmerman's business instinct made him realize that the quarters occupied for so many years by the firm, the site of the present federal building, were inadequate to meet the growing demands of the business. He accordingly negotiated a deal whereby he purchased the large three-story brick, brownstone front building and other valuable property. Here it was possible to carry out more thorough ideas, to modernize and greatly increase the business. The brownstone front building is located at No. 326 East Sunbury street, and, as well as being one of the

largest of Shamokin's business structures, is one of the handsomest.

Mr. Zimmerman is also a member of the board of directors of the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company, one of Shamokin's solid banking institutions, and is an active worker in the interests of this company.

He married Katie, daughter of Simon Dunkelberger, and has five bright children, Helen, Lee, George, Ralph and Catharine. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

Fraternally Mr. Zimmerman is affiliated with Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; the Temple Club; Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. E.; Tahgahjute Tribe, No. 415, Improved O. R. M.; and Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A.

**KETNER.** The records of Zion's Kirche (the Red Church), in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, one and a half miles southwest of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, tell of the firing, in 1755, by the Indians, of the first log church just completed by the settlers, the massacring of the people and the laying of their homes in ashes. Those who could escape, among them Henrich Adam Ketner and his wife Katharine, who came there in 1755, fled across the Blue mountains into Berks county; subsequently returning with others, they built the church and reestablished their homes. It was at this date that a frightful massacre occurred at the site of what is now Orwigsburg. The old Red church, near Orwigsburg, was built in 1754, and has since been rebuilt four different times.

John D. Ketner, a moderately wealthy resident of Pueblo, Colo., is a descendant of these pioneers. One of his sons, William H. Ketner, resides in Shamokin, Pa. The son of the latter, John H. Ketner, is at present employed in the capacity of city editor of the Shamokin *Dispatch*. Another son, Clyde F. Ketner, is doing reportorial work on the Shamokin *News*. Both are graduates of the Shamokin high school, the former leaving that institution in 1909 and the latter in 1911. Mrs. W. H. Ketner is a sister to Frank Zimmerman of the firm of Feldhoff & Zimmerman, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

These are the only Ketners in Shamokin, with the exception of a Robert Ketner, a distant relation, who lives with a Van Orner family, at the corner of Chestnut and Market streets, and Mrs. C. C. Leader, whose maiden name was Ketner and who is a relative of W. H. Ketner. Miss Carrie Ketner, sister of Mrs. C. C. Leader, resides at Mount Carmel. Other Ketners are scattered throughout Schuylkill and Berks counties, a number of them being located in Reading, Pottsville, Orwigsburg, Hamburg, Auburn, Pinedale and other places. Several are owners of industrial plants.





The original home of W. H. Ketner and family is at Auburn, Schuylkill county, from which place they came to Shamokin about 1896.

**HARRY LANDAU**, who has been superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company since 1909, is a native and lifelong resident of that borough. He was born Dec. 12, 1870, son of John P. Landau, and grandson of John Landau. His father, a contracting bricklayer of Sunbury, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Harry Landau was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1888. The following year he became chief clerk for the Sunbury Water Company, with which concern he has since been identified, in 1909 being made superintendent. Mr. Landau is a citizen of recognized ability and trustworthiness, and the confidence of his fellow citizens has been shown in his selection as city clerk, in which capacity he has served Sunbury for a period of six years.

Mr. Landau married Gertrude L. Hard, daughter of Dr. Hard, of Sunbury, and they have one son, James Hard.

Socially Mr. Landau is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, which he is serving as trustee and secretary, and he is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. On political questions he is a Republican. He holds membership in Zion's Lutheran Church, and has been active in its work as a teacher in the Sunday school.

**DAVID E. SHUSTER**, business man and former chief burgess of Shamokin, was born in Hummelstown, Dauphin Co. Pa., Dec. 21, 1845, son of Dr. John A. and Mary A. (Brefore) Shuster. His parents were natives of Germany and France, respectively.

When Mr. Shuster was seven years old his parents removed to Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he was reared, securing such education as the schools of the village afforded. Contrary to the wishes of his parents, who desired to educate him for the medical profession, he apprenticed himself to his uncle, John Preston, to learn the trade of shoemaker, and completed his trade with H. F. Snyder, at Newville, Pa. In 1863 he went to Harrisburg, where he entered the employ of George M. Groff, continuing to work at his trade until 1869, in which year he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railway Company, filling the position of passenger brakeman between Harrisburg and Sunbury. He was shortly transferred to the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville division, and promoted to baggage and express agent, which position he filled until 1871, when he was promoted to passenger conductor upon the same division. This position he filled with credit to himself, making hosts of friends among the traveling people, who, as a mark of their appreciation

for his courtesy and attention while filling this position, presented him, Nov. 27, 1875, an elegant gold watch as a testimonial of their regard. Mr. Shuster became a resident of Northumberland county in 1869, locating at Mount Carmel. In 1876 he resigned his position with the Northern Central Railway Company, removed to Shamokin, and purchased an interest in the mercantile business of J. M. Shuman & Company. He is now engaged as special agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. He has been a warm friend to the cause of education, which he has aided by his influence and means, and served as a member of the school board eight years, being president of the same in 1888. In 1881 he served as councilman of Shamokin borough, and in 1903 he was elected chief burgess, being honored with reelection in 1904 and 1905. In politics he is a Republican. In his religious preferences he is a Presbyterian, he and his family attending the church of that denomination; Mr. Shuster organized the choir and served as chorister a number of years. Socially he is connected with the P. O. S. of A. and the B. P. O. Elks. He is interested in the Hamilton Car and Wheel Manufacturing Company of Catawissa, Pa., and is one of the directors of the same.

In 1876 Mr. Shuster married Kate Weaver, who was born Oct. 13, 1850, died Nov. 30, 1904. By this union there were two children, William W. and Lulu B. The latter married John F. Oram, an attorney, and they have children, Louise, John and James.

William W. Shuster, son of David E. Shuster, was born Dec. 23, 1882. He received his education in the Shamokin public schools, graduating in 1901, after which he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company in the motive power department, at Sunbury. After fifteen months' service he resigned said position, in September, 1902, to enter Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of civil engineer. Then he again entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, July 5, 1906, as rodman in the assistant engineer's office on the Sunbury division, being located in Sunbury. He was transferred Nov. 1, 1909, to the Renova division, in the division engineer's office, at Renova, and having served ten months in this office was transferred to the principal assistant engineer's office, of the Erie Grand division, located at Williamsport, Pa. On March 15, 1911, he was promoted to transitman at Philadelphia, in the office of the engineer of maintenance of way.

**THOMAS LEMON**, one of the first settlers in Point township and one of the first justices commissioned for Northumberland county, was born on the Atlantic ocean while his parents were en



route from Scotland to America, two weeks before they landed. They settled at Winchester, Va. They reared two sons, Robert and Thomas.

Thomas Lemon married Margaret Haugh, of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of Matthias and Mary Haugh, who in 1769 deeded a large tract of land in the North Branch valley to Thomas and Margaret Lemon. They settled near that river about five miles above Northumberland, in and around which borough are found a number of their descendants. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Joseph Engle, of Philadelphia. Three of the sons removed to the Genesee valley, in New York, and John, the only one who remained in this county, became the owner of the parental estate in Point township, his home being on the site of Cameron station. He married Rachel Fleming, daughter of George and Martha Fleming, of Middletown, Pa., and his death occurred in 1840. His children were: Pierce, Thomas, James, William, Martha, Rachel, Rebecca and Margaret. Of these, Martha was twice married, first to William Cooke, son of the first sheriff of Northumberland county; and after his death to Jesse C. Horton, well known as a stage proprietor and for some time prominent in the politics of the county.

**MONTGOMERY.** Robert Montgomery, the progenitor of a numerous and respected family of the northern part of Northumberland county, lived in Paradise Valley, and the stone residence he built on his homestead place there in 1799 is still standing, in a good state of preservation, and now tenanted by the sixth successive generation of Montgomerys. The walls are eighteen inches thick. The original Montgomery tract, taken up by his father, John Montgomery, consisted of 900 acres, and belonged formerly to an Indian reservation. John died July 26, 1792, aged fifty-eight years. Of Robert's children, we have record of John and David, the former having been the father of the late Robert Montgomery, who died June 18, 1892, while serving as sheriff of Northumberland county.

Robert Montgomery was born June 1, 1830, on the old homestead of the family in Lewis township. He was educated partly in the local schools, later attending the Tuscarora school, in Juniata county, and still later the military school at Harrisburg, receiving a liberal training. Returning to the farm, he followed agricultural work all his life, and owned the homestead, which now contains some eighty acres. The stone house previously mentioned stands on this tract.

Mr. Montgomery was a member of the State Legislature from 1870-1872, and was school director of Lewis township for thirty years. In fact, he was the foremost man of his district. In 1890 he was elected sheriff of the county, holding the office until his death. He was an active politician

and served as delegate to a number of State conventions. In religion he was a Presbyterian and attended Warrior Run Church. He is buried at McEwensville. His wife, Elizabeth Vincent, born Sept. 17, 1833, was a daughter of Isaac Vincent, of near Watsonstown, who owned and operated the Vincent Mills (now Pioneer Mills) near Watsonstown. Mrs. Montgomery died in July (the 17th or 22d), 1902, aged sixty-nine years. She was the mother of three children, John, Grace (married Robert McKee, and they live in Delaware township, near Dewart) and Harry B.

Harry B. Montgomery, born Jan. 12, 1863, on the homestead, was married in 1888 to Nettie L. Pardo, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Rissel) Pardo, of Chillisquaque township. She died in February, 1910, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Montgomery is a farmer on the homestead, which property he and his brother John own. His family consisted of six children: Margaret, Robert (died young), Elizabeth, Rebecca, Grace and Donald. Mr. Montgomery and his family are Presbyterians in religious faith. He served several terms as auditor of Lewis township and has been a member of the board of school directors since 1906.

John Montgomery, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Vincent) Montgomery, is a farmer of Lewis township. He was born on the homestead March 24, 1855, and like his brother Harry had the advantages of an academic education. For six years he taught school in Lewis township. He was deputy sheriff for four and one-half years, two years under his father; was deputy warden at the Sunbury jail for three successive years, and has since served as such off and on for several years. He has been assessor of Lewis township since 1906. He is one of the active and representative Democrats of the upper end of the county, popular in his locality, and frequently mentioned for public office. He is a member of the State Grange.

David Montgomery, another son of Robert (who built the old stone house on the Montgomery homestead), lived in Paradise Valley, Lewis township, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Agnes Shaw, and their children were: David B., who became a prominent public man; John G., Esq., of Danville, Pa., who was a prominent Democrat and was elected to Congress but never served, having been one of several who were poisoned while attending the inauguration of President James Buchanan; William Shaw; Caroline, Mrs. Edward Lyon; Margaret, Mrs. Robert Montgomery (she married a cousin); Nancy, Mrs. Joseph Nesbit; and Mrs. Robert McCormick.

William Shaw Montgomery was born in 1809 on the homestead and he died in Milton in 1882, in his seventy-fourth year. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. His wife was Jane S. Correll (or Caldwell), born 1808, died 1896. They were





farming people, and he was a prominent man in his locality. He had considerable valuable land, which he superintended. His home was in Lewis township. His children were: David C. lived in Minnesota several years and later in Colorado, where he died; Margaret married Capt. James A. Brison; Robert C. is mentioned below; Oliver P., born in 1839, lived on the homestead and there died in 1880; Edward is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Robert C. Montgomery, of McEwensville borough, was born Dec. 24, 1836, and was educated in McEwensville Academy. He was a farmer in his active years, and for thirty years lived on a 100-acre farm one and one-half miles from McEwensville, in Lewis township. He has another tract, where he now lives, of the same acreage, and there is no better land in the county. He is a Republican; was school director. He and family are Presbyterians; was trustee.

Mr. Montgomery married Mary Lowry, daughter of Samuel and Helen (Cole) Lowry, and they have had six children: William, who is deceased; Helen, who married George Marr and lives at Swarthmore, Philadelphia; Lowrie, of Philadelphia, an attorney; Fannie, a school teacher, who has taught in the high school of Bryan, Ohio, for five years; Jennie, who is at home, and Margaret B., at home.

**JOHN H. EISENHART**, a well known merchant of Shamokin, Pa., has long been a factor in the commercial world, and before entering business on his own account had a long experience in the line in which he has made so distinct a success. Mr. Eisenhart was born in Snyder county, Pa., Oct. 18, 1869, son of Daniel Eisenhart.

Jonas Eisenhart, grandfather of John H., was born in Berks county, Pa., and there followed farming until about 1800, when he came to Northumberland county, settling at Leck Kill. From there he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he also engaged in farming. There his children grew up. He made his home at Port Trevorton, along the river, and there he died in 1883. He is buried at Leck Kill. He married Polly Geist, daughter of Andrew and Christina (Snyder) Geist, and she died at Leck Kill, and is buried there. They had sixteen children, namely: William, who died in Jefferson county; Daniel; John, who died in Nebraska; Jonas, who died in Central America; Gabriel, who died in Snyder county, Pa.; Emanuel, living in Philadelphia; Lewis, who died in Shamokin; Edward, who died young; Lucina, who married Jacob Shankweiler, and died at Shamokin; Sarah, Mrs. Starr, who died near Leck Kill; Caroline, who married John Eyster; Mary, who married John Diehl, and died in Indiana; Harriet, Mrs. Snyder; Catharine, who married Daniel

Thomas; Amelia, who married John Cooper; and one that died in infancy.

Jonas Eisenhart had two brothers, Stephen and Reuben, who both died in Shamokin. Andrew Geist and wife, Christina Snyder, parents of Mrs. Jonas Eisenhart, had children as follows: John, George, Andrew, Daniel, Josiah, Peter, Abraham, Elizabeth (married Isaac Sheaffer), Christina (married Paul Gerhart), Susan (married Frederick Kohler), Lydia (married Mr. Bixler), Polly (married Jonas Eisenhart), Sallie (married Solomon Falck), Rebecca M. (married Solomon Shankweiler) and Molly (married Joseph Feger). Mr. Geist reared his family at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, where he lived and died.

Daniel Eisenhart, son of Jonas and Polly, was born at Leck Kill Sept. 6, 1830, and died in Shamokin Jan. 13, 1906. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Leck Kill with his father-in-law, Peter Beisel, their successor being D. S. Leitzel. When Mr. Eisenhart moved to Snyder county he bought out John Diehl, in Washington township, and was engaged in business there until 1876, when he was elected sheriff of Snyder county. During the three years he held that office he lived at Middleburg. During his incumbency the murderers of Mr. Kintzler were apprehended and convicted. Mr. Eisenhart came to Shamokin Jan. 1, 1879, and engaged in business with his son, R. G. Eisenhart, under the firm name of D. & R. G. Eisenhart. This association continued until 1882, when he sold out to Haas & Sowers and retired from active work. He was a director of the National Bank of Shamokin; of the Shamokin Street Railroad Company; of the Shamokin Light, Heat & Power Company (of which he was one of the organizers); and he was a member of the building committee in charge of the erection of the present St. John's Reformed Church building. He was made a Mason in Selinsgrove Lodge, F. & A. M. Mr. Eisenhart's wife was, in her maidenhood, Sarah Beisel, born Feb. 17, 1830, died Dec. 31, 1887, daughter of Peter Beisel. Mr. Eisenhart and his wife are buried in Shamokin cemetery. Their children were: R. G.; Amelia, who married N. C. Wolverton, deceased, and resides at Shamokin; Emma C., who married B. P. Stroub, and lives in Snyder county; Alice, who married G. M. Shindel, prothonotary of Snyder county; Ella; Martha J., who married J. A. Wert, a merchant at Shamokin; and John H.

John H. Eisenhart was born Oct. 18, 1869, in Snyder county, and came to Shamokin with his father. He attended the local schools, and in 1887 he became a clerk for his brother-in-law, J. A. Wert, with whom he remained until 1893. From that time until 1899 he was engaged in the book and stationery business at Shamokin on his own account, and at the end of that time returned





to his brother-in-law's store, remaining until 1904. He then bought out his sister, Mrs. Wolverton, at Spruce and Market streets, and he has since conducted a general grocery, having an old established stand, and doing a large business. He is also engaged in job printing. Mr. Eisenhart is one of the rising young business men of the town, and is very popular with a large circle of friends.

In 1895 Mr. Eisenhart married Elsie M. Rupp, daughter of Jonathan Rupp. She was born at Mount Carmel. One son, Leon D., has blessed this union. Socially Mr. Eisenhart is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, the K. of P. and the Modern Woodmen. His religious connection is with St. John's Reformed Church.

**JOHN A. WEAVER**, of Shamokin, distributing agent for the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, which has two magazines in this locality, one at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and one at Alaska, Northumberland county, has been connected with this line of business for twenty-five years. He has long been one of the foremost citizens of the borough of Shamokin, having served two terms as chief burgess, and as some notable improvements in the management of municipal affairs were inaugurated under his regime he may be said to have made a permanent impression on the life of the place.

The Weaver family is an old one in Northumberland county, having been founded here by Mr. Weaver's great-grandfather, Michael Weaver (the name was originally spelled Weber), a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America about 1769. He first located in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., later in Berks county, and in 1770 in Northumberland county, near Liberty Pole, Rush township, upon land subsequently owned by the heirs of Peter Hughawaut. There he died in 1834 and was buried upon the farm. He was a taxable in Shamokin township in 1788. He joined the American army during the Revolution, in which he served seven years under Washington. He married before coming to this country, and was the father of thirteen children. X

Martin Weaver, fourth son of Michael, was born in 1770 in Rush township, and died in 1844. He was a farmer by occupation, and also engaged in the hotel business, being for many years proprietor of one of the old-time taverns in Shamokin township, situated eight miles east of Sunbury. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hirsh, of Rush township, by whom he had three children: Joseph, who died in Shamokin; Catharine, widow of Enoch Howell; and Elizabeth, who married Jonathan Yarnel (both are deceased). There were five children born to his second marriage, to Catharine (Lodsleger?): Mary, who married Daniel Evert and is deceased; Rebecca, who married Daniel Rote and is deceased; William M.;

Rosetta, deceased; and Solomon, a resident of Sunbury.

William M. Weaver, son of Martin, was considered the best known citizen of Northumberland county in his day, and in his death this section lost a valuable man. He was born in Shamokin township Aug. 30, 1816, was reared upon the homestead farm, and spent his early life in agricultural work. He also learned harnessmaking, which he followed for some time. In 1837, associated with his brother-in-law, he engaged in the mercantile business at Snyderstown, Pa., continuing in that line until 1841, when he returned to the homestead and resumed farming, remaining there until 1844. In 1845, removing to what was then the village of Shamokin, he leased the "Shamokin Hotel," later known as the "United States Hotel" and the "Hotel Vanderbilt," now the "Graemar," and conducted that house for five years. He then purchased what was known as "Weaver's National Hotel," being its proprietor from 1851 until his election to the office of sheriff, in 1863. After serving his term of three years he resumed the hotel business, in the spring of 1867, continuing it until he was again elected sheriff, in 1878. Upon the expiration of his second term he again took charge of his hotel, conducting it until 1886, after which he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred in December, 1896, at his home in Shamokin, on the corner of Pearl and Commerce streets.

Mr. Weaver was one of the oldest residents of Shamokin, and he took an intelligent interest in promoting the development and prosperity of the city throughout his active career. In 1858, in association with C. P. Helfenstein and William H. Marshall, he undertook a work for which he will be remembered with gratitude by many, assuming a large amount of unpaid mortgages which were upon nearly all the homes in different parts of the borough and preventing many foreclosures, thus obviating considerable loss and distress. He was one of the organizers of the Northumberland County Bank, and interested in various other enterprises of local importance, among them the purchase and laying out of the Shamokin cemetery. In politics he was always identified with the Democratic party. He was a Mason in fraternal connection, belonging to Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.

On Aug. 26, 1843, Mr. Weaver married Lydia Smith, who was born April 15, 1823, in Shamokin township, daughter of John Smith, of Snyderstown, Pa., and she died in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They were the parents of six children: Mary E.; Martin, deceased; Catharine E., born Oct. 13, 1850, who married David E. Shuster (ex-burgess of Shamokin, where he still resides) and died Nov. 30, 1904; John A.; Clara J., widow of Frank



Daniels, living with her brother John; and Rosetta, deceased.

John A. Weaver was born Oct. 15, 1847, at his father's "United States Hotel" (located at the present site of the "Graemar") in Shamokin, and there received his education in the public schools. Until 1879 he remained associated with his father, in the management of the hotel, and he then entered the employ of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company as their representative in the coal and iron police, filling that position until September, 1885. It was during this time that the notorious Molly Maguires infested the mining region. Resigning, he took the position of superintendent with H. A. Weldy & Co., manufacturers of explosives and powders, who carried on business for some time at the old Paxinos powder mill and later discontinued the manufacture of powder. The concern underwent a change in 1908, becoming part of the Dupont Company, which has two plants in this region, one at Paxinos and one at Alaska. Mr. Weaver acts as distributing agent, a position he has shown himself well qualified to fill, his business and personal standing having been won by long and efficient service, and he has shown ability in the discharge of every responsibility with which he has been intrusted.

Mr. Weaver's connection with the municipal administration began in 1875, when he was elected councilman, serving many years as such. In 1881 he was elected chief Burgess, to which office he was again elected in 1889. During his administration many changes were made in the conduct of the various borough offices, and several particularly valuable ideas were put into practice, which gained him the esteem and support of a large number of the best citizens of Shamokin. The first uniformed police force was established during his term. He showed his progressive spirit in numerous ways, winning universal good will by his public-spiritedness and loyalty to the best interests of the borough.

In June, 1872, Mr. Weaver married Clara A. Hanley, daughter of N. A. Hanley, of Shamokin, and they have had two children: Charles Raymond, who is now assisting his father; and Catharine M., who died when eight years old. The family are Presbyterians in religious faith. Mr. Weaver is a Democrat in politics, and socially holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

**CELESTE MENAPACE**, proprietor of the "Austrian Hotel" at Atlas, near Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is the leader of his countrymen in his district and well deserves his popularity, which is not confined to those of his own nationality. He is a native of Tuenno, Austria, born April 13, 1861, son of Bonifacio Menapace, who was a teamster by occupation. Both his par-

ents died in Austria, his father in 1904, his mother in November, 1909.

Mr. Menapace was in his twenty-sixth year when he came to America, landing at New York June 16, 1886. He immediately proceeded thence to Pennsylvania, settling at Green Ridge, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, where he followed mining two years. For the next five years he was engaged at that occupation in Luzerne county, this State, at the end of that period locating in Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he remained for three years, engaged in the grocery business. He then established himself in the mercantile business in Shamokin, Northumberland county, at Spruce and Market streets, and from that borough removed to Mount Carmel, where he was similarly engaged on Oak street. In 1898 he built his home at Atlas, near Mount Carmel, moving there May 30th of that year. His residence was the third to be built in the town. Mr. Menapace carried on the grocery business there, for two years, having a thriving and steadily increasing trade from the start. He secured a hotel license in 1901 and since then has conducted an up-to-date and well furnished hotel at No. 200 Columbia avenue. On the night of Oct. 18, 1910, Mr. Menapace's old hotel building, together with eight tenement houses owned by him, was destroyed by fire, but a larger and more modern hotel was immediately erected on the same site, and two blocks of the houses have also been rebuilt. In addition to conducting his hotel business, Mr. Menapace deals in cigars and chewing gum in a wholesale way, and is a building contractor. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of his section.

Mr. Menapace is a prominent member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, being president and a trustee of the congregation, and he was one of the leaders in the construction of the present fine church, serving as chairman of the building committee. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, being especially active in that fraternity, serving as director of the Eagles Home Association; he assisted in the building of the Home, in which he takes deep interest. He is a director of the Miners' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association, and in that, as in every other trust, has proved himself worthy of the responsibility committed to him.

On Aug. 10, 1887, Mr. Menapace married Celesta Pasquin, and to their union has been born a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living, namely: Frank (who assists his father and is also engaged as a contractor), Julia, Richard, Robert, Mary, Rudolph, Charles, Anna and Edward.

**REV. JOHN CH. KONSTANKEWICZ**, rector of the Ruthenian Catholic Church at Sham-





okin, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born June 10, 1859. He received his education in Austria, completing the course of four lower normal classes in Przemyśl and eight gymnasial classes in Lemberg, and, passing an examination of maturity, entered the theological department of the University of Lemberg. Completing the theological course in four years, he was ordained by the Bishop of Przemyśl, and then served one year as soldier in the Austrian army, in compliance with the laws of the country.

Becoming assistant in a church of Jaroslaw, he was also appointed, by the minister of war, to the office of army chaplain with the 20th Regiment, Infantry, holding that office for three years. Then he assumed charge of a parish in the village of Lalin, where he remained eight years. Coming to the United States on April 30, 1893, he has since had charge of the Ruthenian Catholic Church at Shamokin. The following history of the church and comments on the Ruthenians were contributed by him:

John Madzellan, Moses Domtcko, Phillip Murdza, John Glowa and Anthony Luczkowec were the first immigrants who came to Shamokin, Pa., from Galicia, Austria, in the year 1880. A little later a few more came over. Their number being very small, they were not able to build a church of their own and for that reason they joined the St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Church and for some time financially assisted this church and helped to maintain the priest thereof. When, somewhat later, more Ruthenians made their home here, they purchased lots on the corner of Pearl and Pine streets, and there in the year 1882 built a church, a small wooden building, which was dedicated by Rev. John Wolanski, the first Ruthenian Catholic priest in America, at that time holding the pastorate of the Ruthenian Catholic Church of Shendoah, Pa. He administered to this church until 1890.

With the growth of the parish the church proved too small to hold all its members and it was then decided that a new and larger structure should be built. The site of the old church, however, was not suitable for the intended new edifice. Therefore, in 1897, two lots on North Shamokin street were purchased from John Mullen for the sum of \$8,000. On March 11, 1905, a contract was drawn with the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, which company undertook to build the church for \$46,000. The plans for the structure, which is in the Byzantine style, were drawn by Messrs. E. E. Quaife and Howe, architects, whose offices are in Jersey City, N. J. The marble granite of which the church is constructed was obtained from the Rylston Stone Company of Gouverneur, N. Y. Horsh & Brother, of Allentown, Pa., supplied the copper with which the domes and cornices are covered. The building has come up to the highest

expectations, and the success of its adequate completion is due largely to the efforts of the East End Lumber Company and especially of general manager Mr. A. P. Reitz. When the church is completed it will cost around \$80,000. In 1908 a deal was closed with Miss C. May for \$13,000, whereby the property across from the church passed into the hands of the congregation, to be used as the parish house. Those who by their efforts have helped the progress of the new church most are: John Glowa, Theodore Talpash, Julian Kopyscianski, John Nowak, Alex. Sharshon, Gab. Malinak, Nik. Tehanski, Michael Stelma (deceased) and a few others.

The first permanent rector of the Ruthenian Catholic Church of Shamokin was Rev. Theo. Obushkewicz, who had charge from 1890 to 1891. On May 1, 1893, Rev. John Ch. Konstankewicz took charge of the parish and is the present rector. In closing, two brief explanations should be made:

(1) Here in America the Ruthenians are often erroneously styled "Greeks." They are not Greeks, and among the laboring people not one understands a single word of Greek. They are a branch of the great Slavonic race and the name of the nationality is Ruthenian. There are thirty-two millions of these people, out of which number 2,700,000 inhabit Galicia under the dominion of Austria; over 600,000 northern Hungary, adjoining the borders of Galicia, and 29,000,000 all of southern Russia, under the dominion of the "White Czar." The Russians call the Ruthenians the "Little Russians," thereby endeavoring to assimilate them with themselves and show the world what a great nation Russia is. But such assimilation has no historical foundation whatever.

The reason they are called Greeks arises undoubtedly from the fact that the first immigrants were unable to understand the English language, either in whole or in part, and upon being questioned as to whom they were they would answer, "Greek Catholics." But the word Greek pertains only to the form of their church, because the Ruthenians belong to the Eastern Church, just as other nationalities inhabiting Europe belong to the Western (or Roman Catholic) Church. A German or Frenchman, or any other European, belonging to the Roman Catholic Church might similarly, on coming to this country, in his ignorance of the English language describe himself as a Roman Catholic, but he would not be a Roman any more than a Ruthenian is a Greek.

(2) Many people do not know the meaning of the three-armed cross which surmounts the Ruthenian Church. In that cross are two crosses; one upon which the Lord Christ was crucified, the other upon which was crucified the Saint Apostle Andrew, brother of the Saint Apostle Peter. The cross of Apostle Andrew is in the form of an X. Saint Andrew, before his crucifixion, begged that





he be nailed to the slanting cross, because he felt unfit to hang from such a cross as the one upon which his God and Master was hanged. Saint Andrew was that Apostle who first carried the word and wisdom of Christ into the north and penetrated to the place upon which to-day stands the great city of Kiev, the capital of the Ruthenians, and there on the hills of Kiev he planted the cross of Christ. Therefore the Ruthenians consider him their patron saint and apostle, and his cross was joined with the cross of Christ, the composite cross being erected on the domes of the new church.

**JOSEPH S. KOWALESKI, M. D.**, of Shamokin, a young physician and surgeon of the borough who has already established a good practice, was born there July 2, 1887, son of Michael Kowaleski and grandson of the late Francis Kowaleski.

Francis Kowaleski was a farmer and landowner in Poland, where he died in 1882. His family consisted of two sons and five daughters, the sons being Michael and George.

Michael Kowaleski was born Sept. 29, 1859, in Russian Poland, and was reared upon the farm. Coming to America in May, 1882, he landed at New York City, where he remained but three days, however, continuing his journey to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has since made his home. After working at mining for twelve years he engaged in the store business, which he conducted about five years, and meantime, in 1892, he entered the hotel business, which he has followed successfully to the present time. His location, at No. 710 North Shamokin street, is well and favorably known, and he has a good trade.

Mr. Kowaleski married Catherine Sinkszda, and to them have been born six children, only three of whom are living: Joseph S.; Volley, who is a clerk in the recorder's office at Sunbury, this county; and Stanley, at school.

Joseph S. Kowaleski attended public school at Shamokin and in 1903 was a student at Detroit College. He then went to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., in 1906, changing from that institution to the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1907. He continued his studies abroad, entering the University of Vienna, Austria, where he received his diploma in 1908. Returning home, he has since been engaged in general practice in Shamokin, being located at No. 413 Spurzheim street. He is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society and is a man of excellent standing both personally and professionally throughout this district. He is a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

Dr. Kowaleski married Annie Willoughby,

daughter of John Willoughby, of Shamokin, and they have one child, Meriam.

**MOSES SHIPE**, a retired citizen of Sunbury, belongs to an old family of Northumberland county. The name is also found spelled Shive, Scheib, and Sheib, and the family has been long established in Pennsylvania, where there are numerous representatives at the present day. One Jacob Shive (now spelled Shipec) died in Chillisquaque township, in June, 1815, leaving a widow, Mary, and some children. One Barbara Shive died in June, 1850. The executor of the will she made was John Shive, and she mentions her sons Jacob and John Shive and refers to her other children.

Henry Shipec, grandfather of Moses Shipec, was born Sept. 27, 1798, and lived in Shamokin township, this county, having a farm at Weigh Scales, in the extreme southeastern corner of that township. This farm later came into the possession of William Persing. Mr. Shipec was a farmer by occupation. He died Feb. 13, 1879, and his wife, Mary, died June 3, 1862, aged sixty-seven years, two months, seven days. They had children as follows: John, Henry, Michael, Abraham, Jacob, Betsy (married Jacob Persing) and Polly (married Valentine Hummel).

Michael Shipec, son of Henry, was born June 4, 1807, in Shamokin township, and died Oct. 7, 1878, in Upper Augusta township, where he is buried, at the Mount Pleasant church, as is also his wife. He was a Methodist in religious faith. By trade he was a carpenter, and he helped to cut down and chop timber in the forest. He married Judith Hinterleiter, born Feb. 9, 1806, whose people came from Berks county and settled in Mahanoy township. She died March 27, 1885, the mother of nine children, namely: William, who lives in Sunbury, Pa.; Isaac, of Upper Augusta township (his wife Elizabeth died Dec. 27, 1900, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, eleven days, and is buried at the Mount Pleasant church); Henry, deceased; Angeline, Mrs. Peter Eckman; Ira, deceased; Moses; Michael, of Virginia; Emanuel, deceased; and Rev. Jonathan R., a Methodist minister, of York, Pennsylvania.

Moses Shipec, son of Michael, was born Dec. 27, 1837, in Shamokin township, and was only a child when the family settled in Upper Augusta township, where he received his education in the "red schoolhouse." He was a soldier in Capt. S. P. Wolverton's Company (E), 18th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, in 1862, and was in active service. During the greater part of his active life he was engaged as a railroader, beginning work for the Pennsylvania Company in August, 1865, and working for them continuously until his retirement, in December, 1908, a period of over forty-three years. He has made his home in Sunbury since May, 1865, his residence being at No.



907 East Market street. Mr. Shipe is a much respected resident of the borough, a zealous member of the Methodist Church, which he served for over fifteen years in various offices, for some years as steward. He is independent in politics, voting as he sees fit.

On Dec. 31, 1863, Mr. Shipe married Rebecca Clark, daughter of John and Margaret (Thomas) Clark, and they have had three children: Isaac P., now deceased; George A., of Sunbury, Pa.; and Herbert C., of Monongahela City, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN W. TIMMES**, attorney, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is one of the younger element in that borough who have been commendably active in public affairs. He is building up a creditable law practice, is also engaged in the insurance and real estate business, and is well known in local Democratic circles and for his services in the borough council. He was born in Shamokin Aug. 25, 1881.

Joseph Timmes, grandfather of John W. Timmes, was born Jan. 23, 1826, in Prussia, Germany, and coming to America while a young man was among the early settlers at Shamokin, Pa. In 1864 he bought the hotel property at the corner of Shamokin and Independence streets, from William Atwater and wife, and there engaged in the hotel business from that time until his death, which occurred in Shamokin Jan. 16, 1873. He also dealt extensively in real estate, and was a man who succeeded in all his undertakings, possessing intelligence and ability above the average. His wife, Mary, born in 1830, survived until 1887. They were members of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Timmes had three children who reached maturity: John M., Joseph (who lives in Philadelphia) and Mary.

John M. Timmes, son of Joseph, was born in 1856 in Shamokin, and there passed his entire life, dying in April, 1883, in the prime of his young manhood. After the death of his father he succeeded him in the hotel business, which he followed until his own death. He married Mary Hennes, and they had two children, Catherine and John W. The mother is now the wife of M. G. Steif, of Shamokin.

John W. Timmes received his preparatory education in the parochial schools of Shamokin and took his college course at Georgetown (D. C.) University, graduating from that institution in 1901. He then entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1904. Returning to Shamokin, he entered the office of W. H. M. Oram, attorney, with whom he remained two years, meantime, in 1905, being admitted to the bar of Northumberland county. In 1906 he established offices of his own in the Timmes block, on Independence

street, where he has since been located, following his profession and, in connection therewith, the insurance and real estate business.

Mr. Timmes has been quite active in the Democratic party, served as secretary of the county committee for four years, and on Feb. 10, 1910, was elected chairman of that committee, an honor he has earned by efficient and disinterested service. In 1907 he was elected a member of the borough council, in which he served until 1910.

Socially Mr. Timmes holds membership in the Cresco Club of Shamokin (of which he is secretary), the Kaprian Club of Georgetown University, the Knights of Columbus, the B. P. O. Elks and the I. O. R. M.; he has served the latter organization as sachem of Sham-O-Kin Tribe. In religion he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Edward's Church, of Shamokin.

**SHOTZBERGER** (Shotsberger, Schotsberger). The Shotzbergers are a Snyder county family, but Galen Shotsberger is well known in Sunbury as one of the proprietors of the "Fairmount Hotel," one of the best hotels in that borough.

The founder of the Shotzberger family in America came to this country during the Revolutionary war with the rest of his countrymen, Hessians, sold into the British service, and was one of the Hessians captured on Christmas night, 1776, at Trenton. The prisoners were held at Reading, Pa., and after the war, with a number of others who refused to return to the mother country, he settled in territory now embraced in Snyder county. Among his children was a son named Jonathan.

Jonathan Shotzberger, born about 1790, was a resident of what is now Union township, Snyder county, and followed farming, having a tract of 320 acres located three miles south of Freeburg, Pa. He was a tall, well proportioned man, and an intelligent and prosperous farmer. He died in 1857 or 1858, aged sixty-seven years and is buried at Verdilla, Snyder county. He was a Lutheran.

His wife, whose maiden name was Matter, was a German woman, and they had eleven children, all now deceased, as follows: George; Lydia, wife of Jacob Strawser; Polly, wife of John Stahl; John; Elias; Jacob; Catharine, wife of Jacob Heim; Ann, wife of Henry Auker; Susan, wife of Urias Kratzer; Sarah, wife of Joseph Steffen; and Malinda, wife of Isaiah Haines.

George Shotzberger, son of Jonathan, lived at Freeburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith by trade, but followed farming during the later years of his life. His wife was Molly Riegel, and they had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who died aged sixteen years.

John Shotzberger, son of Jonathan, lived on the original homestead and followed farming all his life. His wife was Sarah Holtzapfel, and





they had eight daughters and four sons: Emma J., Percival, Amelia, Alice, Anna, Barbara, Katie, Laura, Mrs. Scholly, John, and two sons who died young.

Elias Shotsberger, son of Jonathan, was born on his father's homestead, and lived at Freeburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith, and for a number of years was in partnership with P. S. Riegel. They invented the first hay-fork put on the market. He died in May, 1904, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery. In religion Mr. Shotsberger was a stanch Lutheran, and he served in the church council many years. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and was an overseer of the poor for some years. He married Amelia Nagle, and they had children as follows: Calvin, Charles, William and Harry, all of whom are citizens of Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa.; Galen, of Sunbury, Pa.; Jennie, wife of George W. Goy, a farmer; Sallie, unmarried, who lives at Freeburg; and Alice, married to G. S. Persing, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Jacob Sholtzberger, son of Jonathan, lived on part of the homestead of his father after the latter's death and engaged in farming. He is buried at the Grubb Church. His wife was Barbara Gougler, and their children were as follows: Jonathan, now of Elkhart, Ind.; Jacob, of Shamokin Dam, Pa.; Malinda, deceased; Catharine; Alice, and Anna.

GALEN SHOTSBERGER, son of Elias and Amelia (Nagle) Shotsberger, was born in 1879 in Snyder county, where he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools. At an early age he began to give evidence of the tact and enterprise which have made him a successful business man. Since 1901 he has been joint proprietor with Charles A. Conrad, of Sunbury, of the "Fairmount Hotel" in that borough, under the firm name of Conrad & Shotsberger. The hotel is an old established hostelry of Sunbury, built originally by the grandfather of the senior proprietor, but it has been thoroughly remodeled to meet modern requirements and is conducted in the most approved manner. Though it has always been a successful hotel stand, it has never had a more prosperous stage in its career than under the present management, which means that Mr. Conrad and Mr. Shotsberger are both men specially adapted to the hotel business who have developed its possibilities according to up-to-date standards. The location, at East Market street and Fairmount avenue, in a good neighborhood, yet close to the business section and within a few blocks of the Pennsylvania railroad station and post office, is excellent. Mr. Shotsberger was in the cigar and tobacco business at Freeburg before he came to Sunbury, when he became a clerk at the "Parker House," then under the management

of Jere Lower. So he entered his present association with some experience of the business. He is a man of sterling character, and has served as member of the council from the Eighth ward (1903-04) and member of the board of education, in both of which bodies he gave public-spirited and disinterested service. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks (Lodge No. 267), Eagles and Red Men. Though a hotel proprietor so many years he is a total abstainer, having never tasted intoxicating beverages of any kind.

STRAUSSER. The Strausser or Strawser family has long been settled in Snyder county and is related to the Sholtzbergers, Stahls and other old families of that region.

Honnickel Strausser lived about two miles from the Susquehanna river in Chapman township, in what was then Union (now Snyder) Co., Pa., where he had a farm. He spoke German. He died about 1814, and is buried near Harold, in what is now Snyder county. His death was caused by lightning, which struck the long log house occupied by the family during an electrical storm, at night. Mr. Strausser got up and lighted a pine knot to go into an adjoining room, in which his children slept, but he was killed before he got there. His wife, Rebecca (Burkart), was of Irish descent, and was a sister of Philip Burkart. She remarried, her second husband being Philip Lichty, by whom she had one daughter, the latter marrying Andrew Hauser and moving to Clearfield county, Pa. Mrs. Lichty died about 1846 or 1847. By her marriage to Honnickel Strausser she had children as follows: Elizabeth (married Samuel Willard), Mary (married John Laporte), Simon, Jacob and Nicholas; there may have been another son, Philip.

Simon Strausser, son of Honnickel, was a lifelong farmer in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pa. His wife was Catharine (?) Hochmaster, and their children were: Jacob, Samuel, David, George, William, Simon, Elizabeth, Susan and Catharine.

Jacob Strausser (Strawser), born in Chapman township in 1814 (?), died in 1894 or 1895 at Bristol, Ind., to which place he moved in April, 1866, and there he is buried, in Zion cemetery. He was a lifelong farmer. He had a 103-acre farm in Washington township, Snyder Co., Pa., which he sold before he left that section. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. His wife, Lydia Sholtzberger, daughter of Jonathan Sholtzberger, died in 1871 aged about sixty-seven years. They had children as follows: Mary Ann, who married Henry Kautz; Jonathan S.; Nicholas, who died unmarried and is buried at Northumberland, Pa.; Jacob, who is buried at Zion cemetery, Bristol, Ind. (he had a family); Elias, of Illinois; William W., who died young and is buried in Snyder county, Pa.; and two who died small.





Jonathan S. Strawser, son of Jacob, was born in Chapman township, Snyder (then Union) Co., Pa., March 27, 1839. He learned the carpenter trade in his native locality, and lived in Washington township until 1866, when he and his family moved with his parents out to Elkhart county, Ind. There Mr. Strawser followed his trade of carpenter and joiner for about five years. From 1872 to 1875 he was the baggage-master at the Lake Shore depot in Bristol. He then moved upon a farm of 185 acres, which he cultivated for fourteen years, at the end of that time selling the land and stock and moving into Bristol, where he took up painting. He followed that trade until 1895, when he became salesman for the Deering harvesting machines, and also obtained the district agency for the Perkins windmills. In this line of business he continued until 1899, when he traded his house and lot in Bristol for a fruit tract of three acres, near the town of Bristol, to which he removed. He followed trucking, carried the United States mail from Bristol to Saylor, via Union, for two years. While selling machines and following the painter's trade he had carried the evening mail from the depot at Bristol to the postoffice for sixteen years. In the fall of 1909 Mr. Strawser sold his fruit farm because of the death of his wife and retired to Bristol, where he now lives. In 1910 he returned to Pennsylvania for a visit to the home of his boyhood, where he attended the common schools and mingled with the youth of his neighborhood, most of whom have since passed away. He is related to the Sholtzbergers, Stahls, and other families of Chapman and Washington townships, Snyder county. During the Civil war Mr. Strawser enlisted for nine months in Company I, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he took part in the battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Strawser was married Oct. 18, 1863, at Selinsgrove, Pa., to Sallie Steffen, daughter of George and Polly (Shaffer) Steffen, of Washington township. Mrs. Strawser died Oct. 5, 1909, aged sixty-seven years, six months, twenty-eight days. She is buried at Zion Church, Bristol, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Strawser had six children, as follows: Ethan Allen, who is a resident of Elkhart, Ind.; Sadie C., who married Guy Bardo (they are farming people near Bristol, Ind.); Lydia M., who lives with her father and keeps house for him; Franklin V., of Jackson, Mich.; George W., of Bristol, Ind.; and Cassius W., of Bristol.

*William*  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTZ, proprietor of the Shamokin Sanitary Milk Company, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born there March 24, 1860, and comes of a family of German extraction which has been settled in the county for several generations and has always been represented there by substantial citizens, esteemed for

their worth to the community and a credit to the name they bear.

Benjamin Martz, the great-grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Martz, was a farmer, and spent most of his life in Northumberland county. Here he died, while living with his daughter, Mrs. Michael Kostetter, in Coal township, and he is buried at the Blue church. His children were: Benjamin, Mrs. Michael Kostetter, John (who died in Jefferson county, Pa.), Mrs. George Fetter and Mrs. Maurer.

Benjamin Martz, grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Martz, was born in Northumberland county in 1799, and died Oct. 11, 1884, at the age of eighty-five years, five months, twenty-one days. He is buried at the Blue church. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived for a time in the Mahantango Valley, thence coming to Coal township, where he settled near Shamokin, being one of the pioneers in this region. He followed teaming as well as farming. During his last few years he lived among his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Arnold, died in Coal township at the age of forty-nine years, the mother of a large family, viz.: Sarah married John Eyrich; Elizabeth married Adam Adams; Fiaetta married Jacob Smink; Matilda married (first) George Pensyl and (second) Dan Thomas; Annie married Eli Bressler; Caroline married William Weary; Daniel died in Shamokin; Samuel died in Shamokin; John is mentioned below; Charles died in Shamokin; Jacob died in Shamokin, having been killed in the mines; Benjamin died young.

John Martz, son of Benjamin, was born Sept. 12, 1840, in Coal township, near what is now Glenside Park. When only a boy he commenced work in the mines, where he was employed for about twenty-three years, and upon giving up that occupation went into the milk business, which he followed for twelve years. He made a success of this venture, keeping twenty-seven cows, but after his wife died he sold it out and was engaged in hauling in this district, continuing at this work about two years. He then built a bakery and did a bakery business for about one year, after which he was again in the milk business for a short time. He has since done day's work. Mr. Martz resides at the corner of Second and Pine streets, in Shamokin, of which borough he is an old resident, one of the oldest now living, and he has many interesting recollections of its early days.

On June 5, 1859, Mr. Martz married Eliza Weary, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Diehl) Weary, and her death occurred Feb. 8, 1890, when she was forty-nine years, eleven months, twenty-one days old. She is buried in Shamokin cemetery. On Dec. 18, 1892, Mr. Martz married (second) Fiaetta (Maurer) Kembel, daughter of



David Maurer and widow of Emanuel Kembel, who served in the Civil war. His children are all by the first union, viz.: Benjamin Franklin, born March 24, 1860; George L., born Feb. 3, 1862, who is fire boss in the mines at Shamokin; Calvin E., born Aug. 19, 1867, who is a teamster in Shamokin; and John H., born Sept. 20, 1872, who died Aug. 27, 1904. The father was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F.

Benjamin Franklin Martz received his education in the local public schools, which he only attended, however, until he was nine years old. At that tender age he began picking slate at the Luke Fidler colliery, and he continued to follow mining until October, 1888, when he engaged in teaming, hauling timber for some time for Hon. M. H. Kulp. He commenced the milk business in 1898 in a very small way, having at first one twenty-quart can, but his customers gradually increased until he found himself at the head of one of the most prosperous businesses of the kind in Shamokin. He first put up a small frame building at the location he still occupies, corner of Third and Arch streets, built an addition as the growing business required, and in 1907 erected his present fine building, 25 by 78 feet in dimensions, which is modern in construction and equipment and model in every detail. He has established a thriving wholesale and retail trade in pasteurized bottled milk and cream, running seven teams and disposing of about 1,500 quarts daily. His prosperity is well deserved, being the reward of honest dealing and industry. He is a member of the Merchants' Association of Shamokin, and was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, which was opened April 1, 1911.

Mr. Martz married Clara Heim, daughter of Harrison Heim, of Shamokin, and they have had three children, William E., Caroline Elizabeth and Charles F. The family reside at the corner of Third and Arch streets, where Mr. Martz erected his comfortable residence in 1909. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and, socially, of the P. O. S. of A.

JOHN P. LANDAU, of Sunbury, is a native and lifelong resident of that borough, where he is engaged in business as a contracting bricklayer. There are many substantial evidences of his work in and around that place.

Mr. Landau's father, John Landau, was born in 1812 in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county when a young man. Settling in Lower Augusta township, he did farm work and learned bricklaying, which trade he followed until his death. He came to Sunbury before his marriage and here passed the remainder of his days, dying in the borough Sept. 5, 1861, at the age of forty-nine years. His wife was Elizabeth

Bower, daughter of George Bower, who came from Lewisburg, Pa. Mrs. Landau survived her husband a number of years, dying in Sunbury in 1893, at the home of her son John P. Landau, when seventy-three years old. They are buried in the old cemetery. Eight children were born to them, namely: Rebecca married Abraham Brosius, who died in Sunbury; Henry died young; John P. is mentioned below; William died young; Susanna married John Fox and (second) Joseph Hale; Jeremiah lives in Shamokin and is engaged as a miner; George is also a miner living at Shamokin; Edward, who was a bricklayer by trade, died in Sunbury. Mr. Landau and his family were members of the Reformed Church in which he served many years as deacon. He was a Republican in political matters.

John P. Landau was born Dec. 4, 1842, in Sunbury, and received his education in the local schools. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of bricklayer, which he has followed ever since, with the most gratifying success. Since 1880 he has been engaged as a contractor, and he employs from twelve to eighteen men, as the needs of the business demand. Mr. Landau has always made his home in Sunbury, and most of his work has been done there, though he has done considerable work elsewhere. The bricklaying on a number of the most substantial structures in Sunbury has been done by him, and the quality of his work is its best recommendation. He had contracts on the "Neff House," "Central Hotel," W. L. Dewart block, Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, the big store next to the "Central Hotel" at the corner of Third and Market streets, the "Packer House," the "Moore & Snyder House," the Yarnell furniture store, Fisher's jewelry store, the Zettlemoyer building, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church in the Third ward, the Reformed Church (when it was remodeled), the S. P. Wolverton office building, Kurtz & Myer's wholesale grocery building on Chestnut street, No. 1 Fire Engine house; and he has built a number of houses for J. Fred Shaffer, Esq., the "Clement House," the Methodist Chapel on Catawissa avenue, etc. All of this construction work is within the limits of Sunbury, and shows that he has had more than a representative share of work in his line in the locality. He has not only been an active business man, but has also taken some part in municipal affairs, having served one year as constable of the Third ward and two years as member of the council. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and during the Civil war he served in Company C, 174th Regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, for one year; he was on duty in Virginia. When Lodge No. 620, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury, was organized in 1867 he became a charter member and has belonged to that body





ever since. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Landau married Harriet L. Kelly, daughter of Samuel Kelly, who lived in Upper Augusta township and they reside at No. 118 Catawissa avenue. Six children have been born to them: Harry is now superintendent of the water company at Sunbury; Elizabeth married William Glessner, of Sunbury; Jennie is the wife of J. Hummel Slear, a salesman, of Sunbury; Daisy died in infancy; Clarence (who died in infancy) and Annie (who died when six years old) were twins.

REV. JOHN ROAN was born in Greenshaw, Ireland, April 30, 1717 (Old Style). He began the study of the languages Sept. 25, 1729. He left Ireland July 6, 1739, and landed in America Sept. 3rd, following; was licensed to preach June 27, 1744; embraced the call from Paxton, Derry and Donegal, May 16, 1745; was ordained Aug. 16, 1745. He married Aug. 21, 1750. His wife, Mrs. Anne (Cochran) Roan, was born March 25, 1724, and was married before, Oct. 31, 1745, to Mr. Leckey, by whom she had a daughter named Margaret, born Aug. 14, 1746, who married David McClure June 20, 1765 (their offspring was a son named Richard). The issue of John Roan and Anne his wife were: Isabella, born July 8, 1751, died Nov. 27, 1758; Jane, born May 3, 1753 (New Style), was married to William Clingan June 11, 1778; Anne, born April 7, 1757; died Sept. 10th following; Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1758, married William Clark, June 19, 1787, and died Jan. 21, 1821; Flavel, born July 31, 1760, at half after one o'clock p. m., died February 19, 1817; Mary, born March 26, 1764, married Nathan Stockman, Oct. 10, 1789.

Rev. John Roan died Oct. 3, 1775, about three o'clock a. m., aged fifty-eight years, four months, twenty-one days. Mrs. Anne Roan died April 22, 1789, aged sixty-four years, twenty-eight days. The following inscription is on his tombstone in Derry graveyard, in Dauphin county:

Beneath this stone,  
Are deposited the remains  
of an able faithful,  
Courageous and successful  
minister of Jesus Christ,  
The Reverend John Roan,  
Pastor of Paxton Derry and Mountjoy  
Congregations,  
From the year 1745,  
Till Oct. 3rd, 1775,  
When he exchanged a militant for  
a Triumphant life, in the 59th year  
of his age.

Written on the death of Mrs. Anne Roan, Upper Octoraro, Chester county, April 25, 1789. "On Tuesday, the 22nd of the month, departed this life, in the sixty-fifth year of her age, Mrs. Anne Roan, widow of the late Rev. John Roan, and on

the Thursday following her remains, attended by a numerous concourse of relatives, friends and neighbors, were interred in the Presbyterian burying ground of Upper Octoraro. A sermon suitable to the solemn occasion was preached by the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., of Pequea, from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 55th verse.

"This amiable person, without flattery, filled all the various stations of life which she passed through with dignity and reputation and adorned the whole with that of a sincere Christian. During a long and tedious sickness she was remarkably patient and resigned to the divine will, and as death approached her prospects of a glorious immortality opened and she changed a world of sin and suffering for the full fruition of God in Christ, eternal life and an immortal crown of glory. "Whose pious life with social virtue shone, O'r death she triumphed, eager to be gone; Who pressed the steps her mother first had trod; Her life she consecrated to her God; In her the name of Sympathetic friend. The faithful wife and tender mother joined."

WILLIAM CLINGAN was born in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 28, 1753. His father's name was Thomas and his mother's Christian name was Margaret. Thomas Clingan emigrated from County Donegal, Ireland. He and his wife Margaret had children as follows: William, born Sept. 28, 1753, married Jane Roan; Mary, born Sept. 1, 1755, married James Scott; George, born Jan. 25, 1760, married; Jennet, born April 27, 1763, married James Simpson.

William Clingan was married to Jane Roan June 11, 1778. He died May 24, 1822, and was buried in Lewisburg cemetery; his wife, also buried there, died May 9, 1838. Their issue: Margaret, born Oct. 18, 1779, married John Scott Nov. 15, 1798 (he died Sept. 18, 1821, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, in Montgomery township, Franklin county; she died Aug. 2, 1849, about one o'clock, p. m.); John, born April 26, 1781, died Sept. 15, 1841; Anne R., born Jan. 23, 1783, married Joseph Lawson, March 19, 1812; Thomas, born May 19, 1785, married Margaret Lewis, Jan. 5, 1813; Elizabeth, born Jan. 13, 1787, married Thomas Barber, March 26, 1812; George, born Oct. 26, 1788, married Eliza Scott Oct. 7, 1817; Flavel, born March 18, 1795, married Mary Ann Scott, May 25, 1819.

Of these Joseph Lawson (died Feb. 24, 1843, aged sixty-five) and Anne R., his wife, had children: Jane Roan, born Dec. 19, 1813, married Paschal L. Wright, Oct. 18, 1836; Margaret Strawbridge, born Oct. 7, 1815, married Dr. Jacob Schuyler Dec. 6, 1864; William, born Dec. 3, 1817, married Hannah Sanderson Oct. 19, 1843 (she died April 29, 1854); John, born Nov. 30, 1819, married Elizabeth Finney Jan. 15, 1845; Elizabeth was born Feb. 17, 1822; James, born Nov. 14,





1823, married Jane R. Clingan April 27, 1852, and married (second) Jane Finney Feb. 14, 1884.

Thomas Clingan died April 24, 1858, aged seventy-three years, and Margaret, his widow, died Dec. 31, 1861, aged seventy-one years. They had children: Elizabeth Boude, born June 18, 1814, married Samuel Harris Laird Nov. 15, 1836; William, born March 22, 1816, married Mary E. Dean June 12, 1856; Jane Roan, born March 8, 1818, married James Lawson April 27, 1852 (she died April 8, 1882); Mary Lewis was born March 19, 1820; Adelia Lewis, born May 21, 1822, married John Steritt Nov. 18, 1868; Sarah Ann, born Dec. 31, 1824, married William P. Dougal, Jan. 2, 1849, and died April 17, 1862, leaving a daughter a week old; Paschal L., born Feb. 6, 1830, married Maria S. Zuber, Feb. 28, 1868.

Thomas Barber (died April 14, 1856, aged seventy-one years, one month, twenty-three days) and Elizabeth his wife had children: Sarah, born March 6, 1815, married John A. Vanvalza Oct. 9, 1844 (he died Aug. 26, 1854); Jane Roan, born May 17, 1817, married Laird Howard, Feb. 2, 1836; Robert, born June 30, 1819, married Martha Ellen Young, Jan. 18, 1844; Margaret, born March 18, 1821, married John Wilson Oct. 2, 1865; William, born July 31, 1823, married Mary Foster, Nov. 11, 1847; Flavel C., born Jan. 30, 1830, married.

Georgé Clingan and Eliza, his wife, had children: William, born in August, 1818; Mary, born October, 1820 (died Sept. 12, 1824); Jane, born September, 1822 (died Sept. 4, 1824); Mary Jane, born Jan. 15, 1825; Martha Ann, born Oct. 4, 1828; Margaretta, born October, 1830 (died Jan. 13, 1834); Elizabeth, born December, 1832 (died Sept. 4, 1843); Clarissa, born November, 1834 (married Scott Clingan Jan. 2, 1870); Flavel, born August, 1837 (died Sept. 10, 1843); Alexander Scott, born October, 1839 (died Aug. 23, 1843).

Flavel Clingan and Mary Ann, his wife, had children: Alexander S., born in August, 1820, died in September, 1821; Jane, born March 28, 1822, married James Hayes Jan. 19, 1847; Mary McKean, born March 1, 1824, died May 1, 1834; William, born June 18, 1826, married Elizabeth Finney May 10, 1864; Scott, born Dec. 12, 1828, married Clarissa Clingan Jan. 2, 1870; Thomas, born Feb. 6, 1831, married Mary Emily Sedam March 25, 1856; George was born in March, 1833; Flavel Roan, born July 26, 1835, died April 21, 1859; Ann Mary, born in July, 1838, married James Finney Nov. 30, 1865; Martha, born Nov. 4, 1840, died Oct. 5, 1841.

Elizabeth Roan married William Clark June 19, 1787. Their children: Roan, born June 9, 1788, married ——— Dehaven in July, 1824; Sarah was born Nov. 19, 1789; William, born May 5, 1791, married Hannah Brewster in September,

1824 (he died in 1836); Flavel was born Feb. 9, 1793; Peggy, born Nov. 18, 1794, died Sept. 4, 1795; Walter, born Jan. 27, 1797, married Esther Hill Aug. 5, 1819 (he died in 1835); James, born Sept. 18, 1799, married Jane Sweney Aug. 13, 1824 (she died leaving a daughter named Margaret), and married (second) Sarah Crawford Sept. 13, 1836.

Mary Roan married Nathan Stockman Oct. 10, 1789, and died Jan. 4, 1846, about ten o'clock a. m., at Sharpsville. Their children: James, born in November, 1790, married Martha Dryden; Anne, born Jan. 28, 1793, married Mark Clark March 24, 1812; John, born Nov. 4, 1795, married Hannah Dryden July 4, 1820; Isabella, born Sept. 2, 1797, married James Sharp in September, 1822; Joseph Gardner, born July 2, 1800, died at New Orleans in 1835; Samuel Maclay was born Jan. 20, 1902; Laird Harris, born Dec. 7, 1804, died May 2, 1905; Jane Harris, born April 5, 1805, married Mr. Baltzhoover in 1824.

WILLIAM F. GROW, of Shamokin, is well known in that town both in a business way and as assessor of the Fourth ward, which position he has held since 1902. He has been engaged as a barber at No. 114 South Market street for many years.

Mr. Grow was born in Jackson township, Northumberland county, Oct. 18, 1867, son of John Grow, and grandson of Daniel Grow. The grandfather lived and died in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, where he is buried. He was engaged in the crockery business at Swabian Creek and was well known in his day.

John Grow, son of Daniel, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was reared. He was for many years engaged on construction and repair work on the Pennsylvania railroad, being employed on the building of the road between Sunbury and Harrisburg by Richard Malone, who was the contractor, and he was subsequently employed by the Pennsylvania Company on repair work for a period of twenty-five years. He then came to Shamokin, where he was employed by Andrew Robinson, at the mines, until his death. His industry and upright life won him general respect, and he was elected supervisor of Coal township, serving one year in that office. He was a Democrat in politics.

John Grow married Elizabeth Shemorry, of Snyder county, Pa., and to them were born the following named children: Daniel, Sarah J., Mary A., William F., Charles E. (who was killed in the mines), Samuel, George, and Louisa (who died at the age of eleven years).

William F. Grow attended school in Jackson township. His first work was upon the farm, but like many in the region he soon found employment at the mines, beginning as slate picker at the



Excelsior Colliery when he was fourteen years old. However, he did not continue at this line of work for long, only one year in fact after he became a regular miner. In 1887 he took up the barber's trade, which he has followed ever since. For many years he has had his own place of business, being located at No. 114 South Market street, where he also lives. His place has a reliable and profitable patronage, being known for excellent service and unusually good management.

Mr. Grow was appointed assessor in 1902, to fill the unexpired term of Charles A. Zerbe, who had died while in office, and he was regularly elected in 1904, since when he has continued in the position by reelection, in 1907 and 1910. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Fraternally Mr. Grow holds membership in the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Grow married Emma Dinger, daughter of John Dinger, of Schuylkill county, and they have one son, Lewis E., who is at present a high school student.

**THOMAS H. LIPPIATT**, who has long been in the front rank of the progressive and successful business men of Shamokin, where he is at present engaged as a dealer in furniture and carpets, is a native of Somersetshire, England, born Jan. 3, 1853, son of Henry and Ann (Hodges) Lippiatt.

Henry Lippiatt was a miner in England, where his entire life was passed. He married Ann Hodges, who after her husband's death brought her three children to America, landing at New York City in May, 1864. They first located at Locust Gap, Pa., but in 1865 came to Shamokin. Mrs. Lippiatt, the mother, is still living, now (1911) at the age of eighty-six years, and makes her home with her son Thomas H. Her children were: Elizabeth, who married James Swift, and died in Shamokin in 1908, the mother of Sarah, John, Job, William, Jennie, May and David; James, chief of police at Lewisburg, Pa.; and Thomas H.

Thomas H. Lippiatt accompanied his mother to America and to Shamokin, and here attended the public schools. His first work was in the mines, where he continued to work for seventeen years. In 1881 he began the manufacture of picture frames, and later he took up photography in connection with his frame business. His studio was located on Independence street, where he had a most attractive art room, as well as the leading place of its kind in this section of the State. In 1892 he built a fine four-story building, and bought out the furniture business of ex-County Treasurer Malcolm Farrow in February, 1894. At this time he gave up the photographic part of his business, and by devoting his whole time and energy to the one line has made a great success of it. He is a

man of good executive ability, and his prompt and pleasing method of dealing with his patrons, who have learned to have implicit confidence in him, has won him a leading place in commercial circles.

In 1875 Mr. Lippiatt married Clara Zimmerman, daughter of George and Sarah (Fasold) Zimmerman, of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. Seven children have been born to them, as follows: Alice C. married Samuel Harris, of Philadelphia, and has two sons, Clarence and Paul Eugene; Eva E., who was a trained nurse for ten years, is now the wife of M. G. Gonnerman, of Shamokin, and has one son, Frederick L.; George died aged nine years; Charles is a member of the firm of T. H. Lippiatt & Sons, having been admitted as a partner in the fall of 1908; Elizabeth married Joseph Jones and has one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth; John Stanley became a member of the firm of T. H. Lippiatt & Sons in the fall of 1908; Fay is at home.

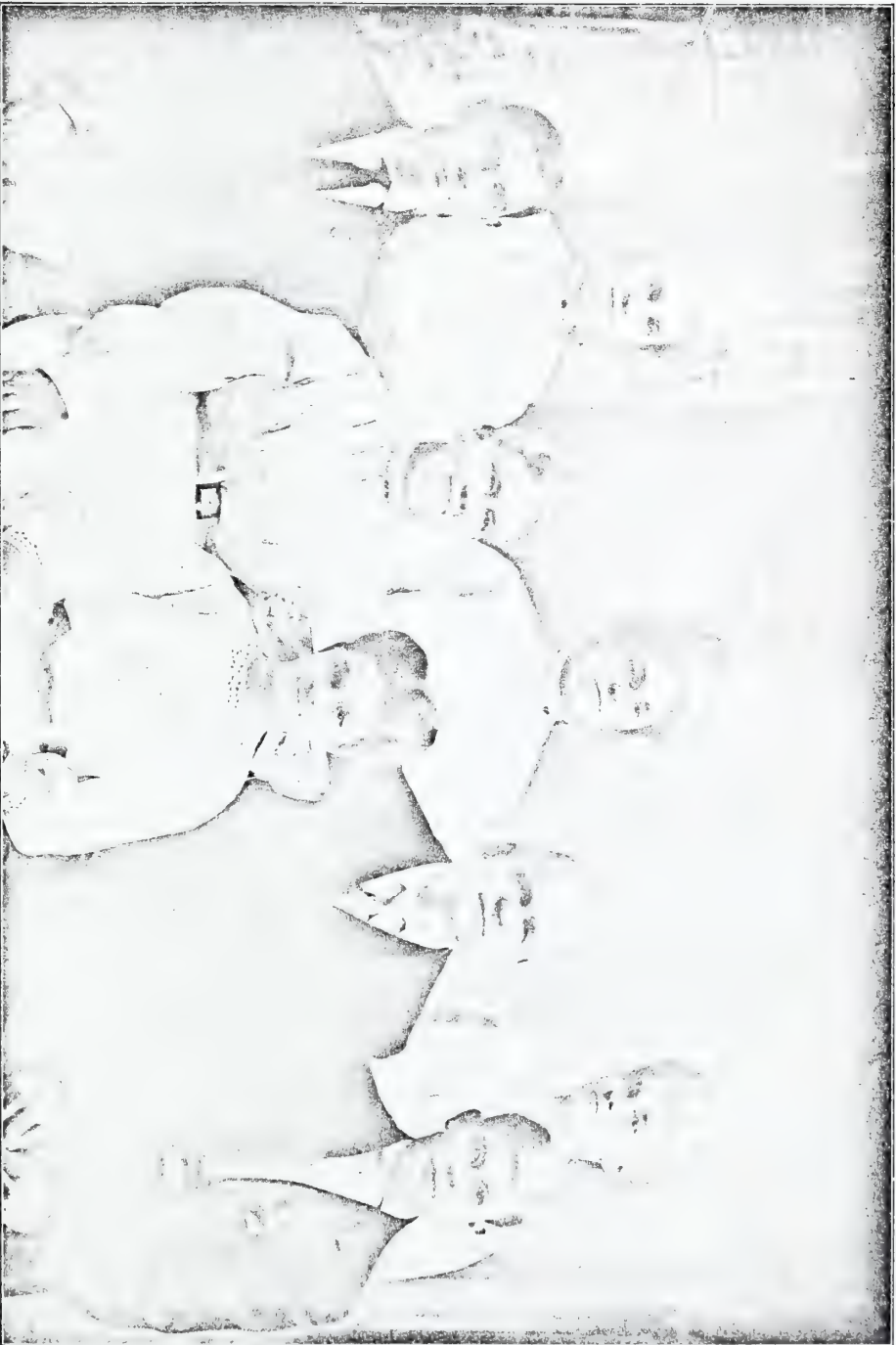
Mr. Lippiatt has taken a very prominent part in church and Sunday school work, has held all the offices in the Lincoln Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served as general superintendent of the Sunday school, a position which he still continues to occupy. Since 1900 he has been president of the Northumberland Sunday School Association. At the time the new church was built he was appointed collector, and in five years' time had raised \$25,000. The church was built in 1883, and Mr. Lippiatt was a member of the building committee. He is a charter member of the Shamokin Business Men's Association, and was elected its president in 1909. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 125, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican. In many ways he has proved himself a very useful citizen, as well as a very genial companion, and he is highly respected as a man and esteemed as a friend.

**LEWIS LEVAN HUNTZINGER** has been stationed at Sunbury in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company since 1899 and now holds the responsible position of train dispatcher at that point. He has been in the railroad service from youth and with the Pennsylvania Company since Nov. 7, 1894, and has proved able and efficient in the performance of the various duties which have been intrusted to him. Mr. Huntzinger is a native of Shamokin, Northumberland county, born March 17, 1876, and is a member of the fifth generation of his branch of the family in America, being a lineal descendant of John George Huntzinger.

John George Huntzinger came to this country from Germany in 1749 as a passenger on the ship "Jacob," from Amsterdam, which qualified Oct. 2, 1749. He became a taxpayer of what is now Brunswick township, Schuylkill (then Berks) Co., Pa., where he was a pioneer farmer and died in







Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Lickhitt & Family





1802. His family consisted of nine children, six sons and three daughters: Jacob, George, John, Henry, Michael, Daniel, Rosina, Molly and Catharine.

Jacob Huntzinger, son of John George, lived at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where he was a leading merchant, and he died there during the time of the Civil war, at the age of eighty-seven years. He also owned farm lands, and was a wealthy man for his day. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Holler, were both six feet in height. They had a large family, viz.: Samuel, who died at Pottsville; Jacob, who died at Pottsville; Edward, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Frank, who died at Fairfield, Iowa; William, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Charles, who died at Philadelphia; Mrs. Stephen Balliet; Mrs. John Schoener; and George L., who died in Cuba.

Charles Huntzinger, son of Jacob, was born in 1820 and died Jan. 27, 1902, at Philadelphia, whither he removed in 1864. He was engaged in business at Schuylkill Haven, having a large mercantile establishment there while the canal was at the height of its popularity, and also had farms and a boat yard, being a thrifty, energetic and prosperous man. He married Amanda Kitchen, daughter of William Kitchen, at one time sheriff of Montour county, Pa., and she survived him, dying at Philadelphia Feb. 28, 1903, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Emma married Harry Rothermel; Sue married George Wells, a prominent citizen of Des Moines, Iowa; William C. is mentioned below; Albert died in Philadelphia; Ida married Robert Clark, of New York City; Addie (deceased) married William Folger; Nellie married William Hedley, of Philadelphia; George died young, in Philadelphia.

William C. Huntzinger, son of Charles, was born Feb. 6, 1847, at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of that place and at the Danville Business Academy. He was employed as bookkeeper by Douty, Reed & Gable, miners, and later took a position as bookkeeper with Heim & Goodwill, of Shamokin, remaining with them for six years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, with which his services cover a period of forty years. He still holds a position with that company, and is one of the most respected citizens of Shamokin, where he has so long made his home. He is well known there in various connections, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; a member of the Temple Club of Shamokin; a past noble grand of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F.; and a past chief patriarch of Susquehanna Encampment, I. O. O. F. He was at one time captain of a military company at Mount Carmel,

this county, and during the Civil war enlisted for service in the navy, Sept. 2, 1863, being assigned to the "Iroquois," under Capt. C. R. P. Rogers. At the time of President Lincoln's assassination he was on the island of Java. He had many and varied experiences while in the navy, traveling all around the world, and was discharged in 1867.

On Oct. 30, 1870, Mr. Huntzinger married Catharine Louise Hoover, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Keefer) Hoover, and eight children were born to this union: Frederick Charles and Lewis Levan of Sunbury; Annie, wife of James Schlegel, of Shamokin, Pa.; Arthur B., of Sayre, Bradford Co., Pa.; Margaret, wife of Arthur Hudson, of Shamokin; and three who died young. The mother of this family died Oct. 22, 1908, and is buried at Shamokin.

Lewis Levan Huntzinger attended the public schools of Shamokin and the district schools of Upper Augusta township, this county, graduating from the grammar school at Shamokin and from the Shamokin business college. He was engaged for a year at Shamokin in the Koch bookstore as clerk and circulation manager, and then took a position with the Adams Express Company at Shamokin, since which time he has been in the railroad service. He began as a student of telegraphy on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Excelsior, Northumberland county, serving three months while learning, after which he was engaged in the main office at Shamokin under the management of E. G. Markley, until placed as extra operator between Tamaqua and Newberry Junction. He resigned in 1894 to enter the service of the Pennsylvania Company, as night operator at Shamokin, and after only a week's service in that capacity was made day operator at Weigh Scales, this county, continuing for four and a half years under W. W. Evert, weigh master. In 1899 he was transferred to Sunbury as extra operator, was made regular operator here Feb. 1, 1901, and Dec. 20, 1902, became assistant to the train dispatcher. He was himself promoted to the position of train dispatcher May 15, 1905. Mr. Huntzinger was sent by the company to Shenandoah Aug. 6, 1905, to handle Philadelphia & Reading trains over the Pennsylvania tracks caused by Mahanoy Plane breaking down, a trust which he discharged most ably and satisfactorily. He returned to Sunbury Sept. 17, 1905.

Since he has made his home in Sunbury Mr. Huntzinger has taken part in its public administration as a member of the school board from the Eighth ward, in which position he has served continuously since 1906. He has been chairman of the financial committee of the board ever since becoming a member of that body, of which he was treasurer in 1909. Two buildings have been erected during his incumbency, the Lloyd T.



Rohrbach and Francis E. Drunheller, M. D. school buildings. Mr. Huntzinger has been very active in the Republican organization, was committeeman of the Eighth ward two terms and was made chairman of the Republican Club of Sunbury organized in 1904. Socially he is a well known Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury (having demitted from Shamokin Lodge No. 255), of which he is the present master, in Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and a charter member of the Temple Club.

On Feb. 28, 1894, Mr. Huntzinger married Mary Rebecca Kramer, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rhoads) Kramer, of Excelsior, Pa., and they have had two children, Sarah Catharine and William Joseph, the latter of whom died in infancy. The family are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

FREDERICK CHARLES HUNTZINGER, brother of Lewis Levan, was born in Mount Carmel, Aug. 20, 1874. He was educated in Shamokin schools, graduating from the Shamokin high school in May, 1889. He began as a clerk in a book and stationery store in Shamokin for E. A. Koch and remained here for about two years, and then accepted a position as driver for the Adams Express Company. He then came to Sunbury as messenger for the same company, was transferred to Williamsport, Pa., as depot agent, remaining here three years, then to Harrisburg as receiving clerk, remaining two years, finally coming back to Sunbury as agent of that station in 1903, and he is now filling that position to the satisfaction of the company.

Mr. Huntzinger married Emma G. Garber, daughter of John and Mary Ellen (Search) Garber, of Montandon, and they reside at No. 444 Race street, Sunbury. In politics Mr. Huntzinger is a Republican. He and his family worship at Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

**WETZEL.** Among the early immigrants to Pennsylvania were a number of Wetzels, some of them undoubtedly related. One Hans Martin Wetzel arrived on the ship "Brittania" and qualified by taking the oath of allegiance, at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1731. His age then is given as thirty-one years. His wife, Maria Barbara Wetzel, was thirty-three years old. On the same ship were the following, probably children: Hans Martin Wetzel, aged six years; Nicholas Wetzel, aged four years; Katherina Wetzel, aged three years. There is also the name of Maria Barbara Wetzel, who may have been a sister of the pioneer (Pennsylvania Archives, pages 29, 34 and 35).

John Jacob Wetzel came on the ship "Charm-

ing Nancy" of London, Charles Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Oct. 8, 1737.

Philip Wetzel came on the ship "Davy," William Patton, commander, from Amsterdam, qualified Oct. 25, 1738.

Hans Martin Wetzel, who came to the New World in 1731, settled on that territory now embraced in Lehigh county, Pa. Six years later he was followed by John Jacob Wetzel, who located in Hereford township, in Berks county, only several miles distant; and these two, in 1738, were followed by Philip Wetzel. That a kinship existed between these three pioneers cannot be doubted, and it is very probable that they were brothers—another group of the "three brothers" found among the emigrant ancestors of so many American families.

In the list of early settlers in the region of Emaus, Lehigh Co., Pa., in the section of Milford and Longswamp townships, whose names with place of birth appear on the original church record of the Emaus Moravian Church, was that of Catharina Wetzel, who was from "Uppa" Mannheim, in the Palatinate. The genealogist gleans from the above item that the Wetzels were German-Palatines.

According to family tradition an old Wetzel had settled somewhere on the Ohio river, and had a number of children, among whom were sons: John, Georg, and Louis. It is further stated that this pioneer and his wife were scalped by the Indians, and that when the sons returned home and found their parents thus cruelly murdered they vowed vengeance upon the savages. Louis thereafter devoted himself to the extermination of the Indians. He was a rare marksman, and could run like a deer. The compiler of this article is of the impression that the place of settlement was not the Ohio, but the Susquehanna, river. A large number of Wetzels live in Snyder county, Pa., in the Buffalo Valley, in Union county, and in the Mahantango valley, in the lower part of Northumberland county. They all speak German, and say their forbears spoke of "Der Longswamp, in Berks County."

The Federal Census Report of 1790 records these Wetzels as heads of families, etc.: George Wetzel and wife had five sons and two daughters, all the sons under sixteen years of age; he then lived in Longswamp township. Conrad Wetzel also lived in Longswamp township and had two daughters. Philip Wetzel lived in Hereford township, and he and wife had then two sons under sixteen years of age, and three daughters. John Wetzel had two sons over sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen, and two daughters; he lived in Macungie township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county. John Wetzel, Jr., lived in the same township as his father, and he and his wife had two daughters. Conrad Wetzel lived in Upper Mil-





ford township; his family consisted of himself and wife, two sons under sixteen years of age, and three daughters. Peter Wetzel lived in Upper Milford township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, and had one son under sixteen years of age and two daughters. Michael and Conrad Wetzel both lived in Penn township, Northampton county, in 1790; it appears that Michael was a widower, and had a son over sixteen years old, and that Conrad was married but had no children.

John Wetzel lived near the present line of Berks and Lehigh counties, Pa. He had sons: Henry, Peter, Daniel and Hans Georg, who lived in Lehigh county. The old Wetzel homestead is located near St. Peter's Church, in Upper Milford township. It was built in 1740, of logs, and was occupied until 1900.

Peter Wetzel, son of John, was born in 1778 and died in 1870, in his ninety-second year. He owned a thirty acre tract of land near Red Lion, in Longswamp township, on which he lived. He was a carpenter and coffin maker, being an excellent mechanic and an expert wood worker. In his day he made many coffins. It was then the custom to place the dead on a large covered wagon, to which usually were hitched fourteen horses. The seats were arranged along the two sides of the wagon, and occupied by the bereaved, the coffin being placed in the middle between the two rows of mourners. They now proceeded to the church. "Old Peter" Wetzel, as he was known, was a popular man, personally, and well known in his line. He held many funerals, and taught many the carpenter's trade. His wife, Anna Margaret Gaumer, died when past eighty years of age. Both were members of the Reformed congregation of Longswamp church. They had children: George; Sallie, who married Nathan Heimbach and had children, Amanda, Lovina, Sarah and Henry; and Lydia, who married Henry Heimbach, a brother of Nathan (they had no children).

George Wetzel was born in Longswamp township in November, 1818, and died there in October, 1900, aged eighty-two years. His wife Leah was a daughter of David Conrad, of Longswamp township. She was born in 1821, and died in 1899, aged seventy-eight years. They are buried at the Longswamp Church, of which both were members, belonging to the German Reformed Congregation; he was a deacon and elder. He was a Democrat in politics, and served his district on the school board. He owned his father's homestead of thirty acres, and also bought 120 acres of land, was prosperous, and built an addition to the old barn. He and his wife had eleven children, namely: Peter, Mary, Charles, Caroline, David C., Henry C., Lovina, Sallie, Amanda, Katie and Levi. Of these Mary, Caroline, Lovina, Katie and Levi all died within six weeks' time, from diphtheria, in 1862.

David C. Wetzel, shoemaker at Seisholtzville, in

Berks county, Pa., was born in the adjoining township of Longswamp, Feb. 28, 1817. When seventeen years old he commenced to learn his trade from his brother Charles. When twenty-four he married Amelia, daughter of William and Amelia (Ruth) Meitzler, of Hereford township, and in 1873 they moved to Seisholtzville, where they have since lived. He usually had three or four apprentices, and in a winter season made several hundred pairs of shoes by hand, shoe factories in those days being unknown. He and his family occupy a house that was built about the time of the Revolutionary war, if not earlier; it is of log construction, but is now weather-boarded, and in winter is very warm. Mr. Wetzel and his family are members of the Reformed Church in Longswamp township. He and his wife have two children: Irwin D., now of Norristown, Pa., married Rosa Fry, and their children are, Ambrose, Herbert, Warren and Minerva; Minnie married Harry O. Moll, of Seisholtzville, Pa., and had Pearl, Verna and George.

Henry C. Wetzel (brother of David C. Wetzel), a retired farmer at Seisholtzville, Pa., was born in Longswamp township, Feb. 17, 1849. When twenty-one years of age he began farming for his father at Red Lion, continuing thus for fourteen years. In 1888 he purchased the Christophel Bittenbender farm on which he has since lived, a tract of 112 acres. The present house on this farm was built by Jacob Bittenbender, Sr. Mr. Wetzel in 1895 built the present barn. He has a valuable property and the excellent condition of farm and buildings testifies to his good management and prosperity. He retired in 1900. He is a Democrat and has held township offices. He and his wife are members of Huff's Church, where he serves as elder. In 1875 he married Hannah, daughter of Christophel and Abby (Rush) Bittenbender, and granddaughter of Jacob and Susanna (Jung) Bittenbender, also of Hereford township. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel have had one son, Ambrose, who was born in 1876 and died in 1895.

There was a John Wetzel who became an early resident of Packer township, Carbon Co., Pa., as early as 1812, and located on lands still owned by his descendants. He had four sons, John, Valentine, Daniel and David, and four daughters. The sons settled in the township, David living to be very old. The daughters became the wives of Stephen Kerber, James Troy, Lewis Hettinger and Philip Hinkle, respectively.

WILLIAM A. RILAND, of Sunbury, has been engaged in business there as a liveryman for over a quarter of a century, has been prominent in the municipal administration as president of the borough council, in which capacity he served two years, and has been found a valuable and substan-



tial man in all the relations of life, business, social or purely personal. He is thoroughly respected and merits the high position he holds in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

Samuel Riland, grandfather of William A. Riland, was a native of Ireland. On coming to this country he settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed farming, owning the farm which was later the property of his son H. James Riland and is now in the possession of the latter's son, H. B. Riland. He married a native of Germany, and he was a member of the German Reformed Church. He is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. His children were: H. James; Mary, Mrs. William Snyder; Malinda, Mrs. Rohrbach; Alice, Mrs. Hirst Trego; Martha, who married William Keller and (second) Jeremiah Cooper; and Lucy, who married James Strine, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

H. James Riland was born in 1833 in Upper Augusta township, and passed his active years there, on the homestead farm of 135 acres, succeeding his father in the ownership of that place. He was an intelligent man and influential in the affairs of his day, serving a number of years as school director of his home township, as county commissioner from 1863 to 1866, and as representative of his district in the State Legislature from 1882 to 1884. He was prominent in the work of the Democratic party, and for several years served as county chairman. He was one of the promoters of the Upper Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was a director for some years. Mr. Riland passed his last years in Sunbury, where he died in 1901, aged sixty-eight years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and socially belonged to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of which he was one of the oldest members at the time of his death.

H. James Riland married Mariah Woolverton, who was born in 1834, daughter of Dennis Woolverton, of Northumberland county, and died in 1894. Eight children were born to them: Emma, wife of Peter Weiser, of Lower Augusta township; H. B., of Selinsgrove Junction, this county; Laura, who is unmarried; William A.; Samuel D., of Upper Augusta, this county; Charles S., of Herndon, this county; Jordan W., of Sunbury; and Mary, wife of John Miller, of Sunbury.

William A. Riland was born Sept. 15, 1859, in Upper Augusta township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farm life, which, however, he did not follow long after commencing on his own account. For two years he worked at Berwick, Pa., after which he clerked in a general store at Sunbury for two years and then returned to the homestead, where he was engaged in farming for several years. In

1884 he purchased the livery business in Sunbury which has since been his main interest. He has an excellent location at No. 246 Woodlawn avenue, only a half square from the Pennsylvania passenger station, and does the leading business in his line in Sunbury, keeping fifteen horses for hire, and boarding a large number of horses. He deals occasionally in horses and teams, and, in fact, has built up an all-around profitable trade, which he has handled capably, and which occupies the greater part of his time and attention. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, which was organized in 1910.

Mr. Riland has for a number of years been a leader in Democratic circles in Sunbury, and he has served four years as a member of the council, during the last two years of that time having the honor of presiding over that body. He is a member and trustee of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and chairman of the board of trustees of the First Baptist Church, in the work of which he and his family take an active part.

On May 25, 1897, Mr. Riland married Mary M. Walters, whose parents came from Germany. Three children have been born to them, one son and two daughters, namely: William, Jr., who died in infancy; Mildred M., and Gertrude L.

**KRIEGER.** The Kriegers of Northumberland county have been settled in this region for several generations, Wilson Krieger, the oldest living native-born resident of the borough of Shamokin, being a son of Daniel Krieger (who was born in Lower Augusta township, this county) and a grandson of John Krieger.

The family is one of ancient record, and the name, variously spelled Cruger and Kruger in the earlier days and by branches of different nationalities, shows that it dates back to the time of the crusades, Cruger being originally Cruciger—the medieval Latin word for cross-bearer. From Cruciger the name became Creuziger and Creutzinger, and finally Cruger, and in Germany and Holland it was written Kruger. The name was first given to a knight in one of the crusades, at the end of the eleventh century, and from him the family spread throughout Germany, Holland, Denmark and England. In 1190 Sir Philip de Cruciger went with Richard I. of England on the third crusade to Palestine. Sir Philip is supposed to have descended from the German baronial house of Von Kruger or Kruger, and from him the line is unbroken down to John Cruger, who founded an American branch of the family. One Caspar Cruciger, a German, helped Luther to translate the Bible in 1532.

The John Cruger mentioned as the founder of a branch of the family in America, an Englishman of good education, appearance and standing, came to New York about 1700, and engaged in business.





He was also prominent in the political life of the city, in 1712 being made an alderman, which office he held for twenty-two consecutive years. Five years after his retirement from this office, in 1739, he became mayor, serving as such until his death, in 1744. He is spoken of as a man of tact and discretion, and such must have been his character, for he succeeded in keeping peace between the people on one side, jealous of their rights, and the governor on the other side, guarding the King's rights.

In 1702 John Cruger married Maria, daughter of Hendrick Cuyler, of Albany, and they had a large family, three sons and five daughters, Tileman, Henry, John, Anna, Maria (who died of smallpox when young), Sarah, Maria (2) and Rachel. Of the sons, Tileman went to Curacao, and returned home to die when he was twenty-five. Henry was the son through whom this line is continued, and John died unmarried. Both the sons who lived to mature years were like their father active in public life and able in many ways. John Cruger showed unusual ability even as a child. From 1754 to 1755 he was alderman, and from 1756 to 1765 he served as mayor. He was the first speaker and president of the first Colonial Assembly, of which body he was a member for seventeen years, 1759 to 1775. He wrote the famous "Declaration of Rights and Grievances" adopted by the Stamp Act Congress in 1765, the first notable piece of political writing in the history of this country, and said to be the model upon which Jefferson based the Declaration of Independence. He also started the movement which led to the establishment, in 1768, of the New York Chamber of Commerce, modeled on the English Board of Trade, and the first mercantile society established in America. He died in 1791.

Henry Cruger, through whom this line is continued, was twice married and had six children. Like his father, he was interested in politics in New York, but he died in England, at the home of one of his children, and was buried there, at the Cathedral of Bristol. In the next generation,

John Harris Cruger, who like his uncle John left no descendants, had a brilliant military record. He commanded Fort Ninety-six in South Carolina when it was attacked, and it was he who forced General Greene to raise the siege. After the war he went to England, where he died. He married Anne, daughter of Brig. Gen. Oliver DeLancey, of New York, an officer in the British army, who when war was threatened raised a brigade known as "DeLancey's Battalions," for the "defense of Long Island and other exigencies"; and he commissioned his son-in-law, who was strongly in sympathy with his mother country, lieutenant colonel.

Tileman and Nicholas Cruger, brothers of John, were West Indian merchants. Nicholas became a

prosperous business man at Santa Cruz, and one of the clerks in his counting-house was Alexander Hamilton. Nicholas Cruger took a friendly interest in the boy, aiding him with advice and encouragement. This Nicholas Cruger was also a great friend of Washington, and his sympathies during the Revolution were with the Colonies, but he never took any active part in the struggle. It is said that on one occasion he was glad to rely on the renown of his brother John as a loyal British subject. He was with one of his boats on the way to Santa Cruz when captured by a British man-of-war. The Captain asked his name, and on hearing it asked if he might by any chance be related to Lieutenant Colonel Cruger. Learning that the two men were brothers, the Captain informed Mr. Cruger that he was bearing messages to the British government reporting on John Cruger's good work, and he let Nicholas Cruger go. He was captured again, however, this time with an incriminating picture of Washington in his possession, and was recommended for severe punishment, but he was freed on parole, and lived with relatives in New York until after the war.

Henry Cruger, brother of John, Tileman and Nicholas, was sent by his father to England to work in a counting-house. There he married twice, his first wife being named Peach, and their son changed his name from Samuel Peach Cruger to Samuel Peach Peach; his daughter married Lord John Murray of Aynsley. By his second wife Henry had six children, who eventually returned with him to this country. He stayed in England until 1790, and had a prosperous career there. In 1774 he and the famous Edmund Burke ran for Parliament, and were elected after a heated campaign. A sample of the campaign literature of those days runs:

You good Bristol folk, an election's no joke,  
But serious indeed is the work;  
Let none represent ye, that do not content ye,  
Vote, therefore for Cruger and Burke.

In 1790 Cruger refused reelection to Parliament and returned home. He was a member of the New York State Senate in 1792.

The arms of the family are: Argent, a bend azure charged with three martlets or, between two greyhounds courant, proper. Motto: *Deo, non Fortuna*. Crest: A demi greyhound salient, gorged or. Beneath the wreath, *Fides*.

Daniel Krieger (father of Wilson Krieger) was born in 1805 in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John Krieger. He came to Shamokin at an early day, erecting the third house in the town, at what is now Sunbury and Pearl streets, and here he passed the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 9, 1864. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Mary Ann Fasold,



born June 20, 1820, died Sept. 6, 1891, who was the youngest of the seventeen children of Valentine Fasold. To Mr. and Mrs. Krieger were born ten children, namely: Angeline (deceased), who married James Lippiatt; Louisa, who died unmarried; Sebella, wife of Enoch Jones, of Shamokin; Sarah J., wife of Clinton Thomas, of Shamokin; Emma F., wife of Elmer E. Felix, of Shamokin; Ida (deceased), who married William Woolcock; Freeman, deceased; Valentine, deceased; Wilson; and Oliver, of Shamokin.

Valentine Fasold, father of Mrs. Mary Ann (Fasold) Krieger, was born Dec. 6, 1765, in Baden, Germany, son of Valentine Nieman Fasold, a tanner, who had a family of five children, two sons (Valentine and Casper) and three daughters. These five children came to America in 1781, landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of eleven weeks. Valentine remained in Philadelphia with one of his sisters for two years, the other three going to Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., near Allentown. Valentine followed his brother and sisters thither, the other sister remaining in Philadelphia, where she had married. He had started school in Germany when six years old, attending until he was twelve, after which he served an apprenticeship to the trade of weaver. Then he served the required time in the German army. In Lehigh county he followed the weaver's trade for thirty-five years. While living there he was twice married, his first wife being Sara Sauders, by whom he had six children, three of whom died in childhood, those who reached maturity being Susan, Elizabeth and John. After the death of his first wife he married Catharine Barbara Schriber, daughter of Herman Schriber, and to them were born six sons and five daughters, Jonathan, Peter, George, Joseph, Charles, Henry, Katharine (married Jonathan Kreigbaum), Lydia (married Samuel Haupt, of Frackville, Schuylkill county), Polly (married William Dachenbach, of Allensville, Mifflin county), Sarah (married George Zimmerman) and Mary Ann (married Daniel Krieger). Only two survived Mrs. Krieger, Mrs. Haupt, of Frackville, and Charles, of McKeesport.

In 1816 Mr. Fasold removed from Lehigh county to Northumberland county with his family and settled on the "John Reed" farm in Plum Creek, where he lived the balance of his life. There he followed farming and weaving. In the middle of November, 1824, a dose of quicksilver was given him for medicine by an ignorant servant of a doctor, and he died Nov. 16th, at the age of fifty-nine years. He lived an honest, exemplary Christian life, and brought up his family according to the instruction of Holy Writ, being a firm believer in the proverb, "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." He was a strong advocate of

the cause of the Colonists, believing that they should depend upon themselves and not upon the mother country. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, of which all his family were members and under which all received catechetical instructions. He was buried with his wife at Zion Lutheran church near Augustaville, Northumberland county, on Nov. 19, 1824.

WILSON KRIEGER was born Feb. 22, 1849, in Shamokin, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which he has always followed. For many years he has been boss carpenter at Locust Gap for the Philadelphia Coal & Iron Company. He is the oldest native-born resident of Shamokin at the present writing, and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church there for over forty years, having joined it March 2, 1869. His father served on the building committee of this church in 1846. Mr. Krieger is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, of Commandery No. 77, K. T., and of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. He married Annie Neely, daughter of Adam and Anne (Gott) Neely, and to this union were born four children, A. Maude (who died young), A. Ralph, Mary E. and Bessie B.

A. RALPH KRIEGER, son of Wilson, was born April 11, 1881, at Shamokin, and there received the principal part of his education, graduating from the high school in 1899. He also attended the local business college, after which he entered the Pierce Business College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1901. For the two years following he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Tamaqua, Pa., under Supt. A. T. Dice, and then with the Shamokin Water Company, at Shamokin, later taking the position of private secretary with Senator W. C. McConnell, with whom he remained for six years. In 1907 he commenced business on his own account, as a shoe merchant at Shamokin, having the store at No. 3 East Independence street which he has since conducted. His trade is good and is increasing steadily, and his methods are such as to make him deserving of success. Outside of business he is particularly active in fraternal circles, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity; in the latter connection he is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, and the Temple Club at Shamokin. He also belongs to the Triple Links Club at Shamokin, the Acacia Club at Williamsport, and Rescue Fire Company. He





holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Brotherhood of that congregation.

**DR. KENNEDY ROBINSON** (deceased), father of Mrs. Annie G. (Robinson) Llewellyn, of Shamokin, was of Irish descent, his ancestors coming from Ireland and settling at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., this State. He became a prominent citizen of Schuylkill county, serving two terms in the State Legislature from that section, and he died in 1887. His wife, whose maiden name was Frances McConnell, was a native of Womelsdorf, Berks county, and a descendant of the famous Conrad Weiser. She died at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, in 1909, at the great age of ninety-six years, five months. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson had two children, Frances and Annie G., the latter the widow of David Llewellyn.

**WILLIAM HAROLD LEE**, architect, is a young business man of Shamokin who has already established an excellent reputation and patronage in his chosen profession. He is a native of the borough, but his family has long been identified with Columbia county, Pa., where it was established during the eighteenth century by John Lee, Sr., from whom he is a descendant in the fifth generation. It is almost impossible to obtain an accurate account of the ancestry back of the Revolutionary period, for though the John Lee mentioned was a member of the Society of Friends there were many Lees engaged in the Revolutionary war, many also bearing the same Christian names. Tradition states that John Lee, Sr., was a relative of General Lee of Revolutionary fame, and the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, record twenty-four different Lees as having rendered service in the cause of independence. Besides General Lee there was a Colonel Lee, a Major Lee and a Captain Lee in the war; and there was a Fort Lee.

John Lee, Sr., was born in Berks county, Pa., and came thence to Columbia county, settling in Locust township, where a colony of Friends (to whose society he belonged) from Berks county became established. To this day may be seen the old log meetinghouse and burial ground of the Society of Friends in that locality. John Lee, Sr., had a large tract of six hundred acres, on which he built a log house, which gave shelter to four generations. He also cleared some of the land, and the following year, 1787, brought his family to their new home. His wife was like himself from Berks county, where their son was born. They had three children: John, Jr., Martha and Nelly. Neither of the daughters married.

John Lee, Jr., was born in 1782 in Berks county, and was five years old when brought by his parents to Columbia county, where he passed the

remainder of his long life. He became the owner of the homestead, where he made his home for eighty-nine years, dying early in 1876, at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. He is buried at the Friends meetinghouse mentioned, as are also his two sisters. When the Williams family, who hailed from Virginia, settled in this section they took part of his father's 600-acre tract, but John Lee, Jr., retained his father's homestead place. He married Mary Williams, who came to Columbia county with her parents, when only six weeks old, the journey being made on horseback. She lived to be eighty-eight, dying in 1874. In her eighty-fifth year she published a poem which is treasured by her descendants. Five children were born to John Lee, Jr., and his wife Mary (Williams), as follows: Sarah married a Mr. Oliver and (second) David Hauck and died aged ninety-one years; Lewis, who lived in Locust township, Columbia county, died aged eighty-three years (he married Hannah Hughes, daughter of John Hughes, and also member of a family of Friends); Mary E., who lived to be eighty-eight years old, married John Levan, a leading business man of Locust township, Columbia county; William and Susan were twins, the latter dying in infancy.

William Lee, son of John Lee, Jr., was born in January, 1823, at the homestead, and obtained his father's farm, being of the third generation to possess that place. Besides farming he followed his trade of stonemason. He died in December, 1909, at LeMars, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years, and is buried at Dixon, Ill. He attended the Friends' meetings, and entertained many Quaker ministers from Philadelphia. His wife, Mary Ann (Wintersteen), daughter of Jefferson Wintersteen, died in 1890, aged fifty-nine years. They were the parents of ten children: Beulah A., who married Josiah Rhoads, of a Berks county family; Kimber C.; Sarah E., who married F. P. Llewellyn; Horace G.; Martha M. (deceased), who married Walter Merriman and lived out West; Mahala, who married Ellis Mason and lives near Dixon, Ill.; Elizabeth, who married Carson Herring, of LeMars, Iowa; Ida A., who married Walter Monroe, of LeMars, Iowa; and John and Lydia, both of whom died young.

Kimber C. Lee, of Shamokin, was born in November, 1852, on the Lee homestead, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his removal to Shamokin, in 1880. He has since made his home at that borough, where he is interested in the Shamokin Lumber Company. In 1877 he married Clara R. Creasy, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Hower) Creasy, of Briar Creek township, Columbia county, and they have had five children: C. Atwood, who married Natalie Robbins Haas; Clarence C., of Harrisburg, Pa.; William H.; Florence E., who married Conrad R. Graeber; and Ella M. Mr. Lee and his family



are members of the Methodist Church, which he has served as trustee since the year 1895.

William Harold Lee was born Dec. 9, 1884, in Shamokin, and there obtained his preliminary education in the public schools, attending high school. Later he became a student at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, after which he followed his profession for a time in Philadelphia before settling in Shamokin, in March, 1910. He has a business suite in the building of the Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company. Mr. Lee designed and supervised the erection of the Masonic Temple, Elks Home and Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company's buildings in Shamokin; the schoolhouse for the Odd Fellows' Orphanage near Sunbury; the new Majestic theatre at Pottsville; and numerous other buildings in Shamokin and the surrounding territory. He has attained considerable reputation in the comparatively brief period of his business career.

Socially Mr. Lee holds membership in the Cresco Club of Shamokin; the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; the Temple Club; and Shamokin Lodge, No. 355, B. P. O. Elks.

Amos Lee, an early settler in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., owned a large tract of land on the Manatawny creek. In 1797 he built a barn on his land which is still standing. The Lee farm was in the family name until 1904. Amos Lee and his family were members of the Society of Friends, and he is buried at the Quaker meetinghouse in Exeter township. To him and his wife Sarah were born the following children: Rachel, Mrs. Geigus; Nellie, who died unmarried; Sallie, who married John Lee, of Exeter township, near the Friends' meetinghouse; Fannie, who died unmarried; Thomas Pine; and Amos, of Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., who was engaged in the manufacture of brick (his wife Sarah bore him one child, Sarah, who married a Mr. Alberston, of Norristown).

Thomas Pine Lee was born in 1795 and was engaged throughout his active years as a farmer on the homestead. He lived to his eighty-seventh year, and is buried at the Quaker meetinghouse in Exeter township. His wife Rachel was also a born Lee, of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and died when less than fifty years old. Their children, four sons and one daughter, were as follows: Ebenezer, who lived in Ohio, enlisted from that State for service in the Civil war, and died of starvation in Andersonville prison, after taking part in many battles; Deborah married Solomon Ely and (second) E. F. Miller; Thomas P. is a merchant of Philadelphia, Pa.; Amos is mentioned below; George W. lives in Ohio.

Amos Lee was born June 30, 1842, on the Lee

farm in Oley township, Berks county, and was brought up there. In 1888 he moved to Friedensburg, Pa., where he is now living in retirement. He married Mary B. Levan, daughter of Joel and Esther Levan, and they have had three children: Annie, of Germantown, Pa.; Hettie, unmarried, who lives at home; and Sallie, born Feb. 4, 1885, who died Feb. 18, 1904.

**SCHLEGEL.** John Christian Schlegel, the American ancestor and progenitor of this family, was a native of Germany, and undoubtedly was the Johannis Schlegel who emigrated on the ship "Bilander Townsend," which landed (qualified) at Philadelphia Oct. 5, 1737. On Aug. 16, 1738, and Nov. 7, 1754, he obtained proprietary warrants for land situated in Berks county, Pa. In 1759 he paid six pounds tax in Richmond township, where he had lived since coming to the New World. He was a farmer and owned more than three hundred acres of land, and in 1797 built a stone house which is still standing and in good condition, and is owned and used by his great-grandson, Abraham, and his children and grandchildren. To John Christian Schlegel and his wife Esther were born a number of children, among whom were: Peter; Wilhelm; Christian, born March 25, 1765; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1767; Johannes, born Sept. 7, 1768, and Heinrich, born July 15, 1779. Peter and Wilhelm left this section, traveling on horseback across the Blue Mountains, and settled in the Mahantango Valley (in Schuylkill), then a part of old Berks county. They visited their brother Heinrich at the old home every two, three or four years, coming on horseback and remaining for a week or two. One of the sons of John Christian Schlegel lived with the Indians, liking their manner of life. He was greatly admired by them, because of his courage, strength and marksmanship, and when he was quite an aged man he and some of his adopted brethren of the forest came to visit his old home near Fleetwood. Because of the great journey on which they came, and the effects of his strenuous life with the red men, he became exhausted at Dreibelbis Spring, and he died soon thereafter, and fills an unknown grave. This account is based on tradition, and the old family papers give brief accounts of it.

There were two brothers, Wilhelm and Peter Schlegel, of Berks county, who settled in Northumberland county at an early date and who, according to the inscription on Peter's tombstone, in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, were sons of Johann Christian and Anna Barbara Schlegel.

Wilhelm Schlegel was born in Richmond township, Berks county, near Fleetwood, on the original Schlegel homestead, May 26, 1782. He came to Northumberland county after he was mar-





ried, and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Zartman. Later he bought the farm now owned by Henry Rebeck, in Washington township, and there he died Jan. 14, 1856. This was a large farm and he was a farmer until his death. The house he built is still standing. He went to visit his parents every two years, going horseback or walking. He and his children had to go to mill at Reading until a gristmill was established by John Dunkelberger on the Little Mahanoy creek. His wife, Elizabeth (Wentzel), born June 24, 1785, died April 9, 1871, and they are buried at St. Peter's Church in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel were Lutherans in religion. They had fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity and all survived the parents: Peter; Samuel; Benjamin; William, born April 6, 1817, who died March 27, 1903 (his wife, Sarah Ann Mill, born July 25, 1837, died Jan. 31, 1903); Abraham, who died July 25, 1903, aged eighty-three years, four months, nine days (his wife was Emilie Mill, 1826-1870); Daniel; David; John; Jacob; Polly, Mrs. Israel Zartman; Mrs. Adam Herb; Mrs. Peter Fegley; Esther, Mrs. Peter Klock; and Harriet, Mrs. Nicholas Hetrich.

Peter Schlegel, brother of William, was born Oct. 12, 1786; came to Northumberland county from Berks county; and died Feb. 1, 1864. His wife was Elizabeth (Rettinger) born Sept. 11, 1789, died July 16, 1866. They are buried at the Herb (Salem) church. They had sons Peter, David and another. Of these, Peter had five children, Joel, Milton, ———, Elizabeth and another daughter. David's children were Samuel, Peter, ——— and Charles.

John Schlegel, son of William, was born in Washington township, Northumberland county, where he died, aged ninety-two years. He was for many years a blacksmith in his earlier life, and built many iron bridges in his time, among which were the Wrightsville and Ringtown bridges, a double bridge at Reading and a large one at Buffalo, N. Y. Later he bought what is now the James Ferster farm in Washington township, where he farmed some years. Then he sold this tract and bought another farm, in Jordan, of 103 acres, which was an Engel homestead, and there he lived many years. The last seven years of his life he lived with his son Daniel K., at whose home he died. His wife Sarah, daughter of Valentine Klock, died July 13, 1883, aged sixty-eight years, seven months, three days. They had nine children, Wilhelmina, William, Charlotte, Jane, Frank, Daniel K., Sarah, Rudolph and one that died in infancy.

Daniel K. Schlegel, son of John, is a native of Jordan township where he is now a farmer on a 162-acre place. He was engaged as a blacksmith for twelve years, then learned the carpenter's

trade, which he has followed off and on ever since. He also operated a portable sawmill and thrasher for five years. He is a member of the Lutheran Congregation at Urban. In 1884 Mr. Schlegel married Susanna Bower, daughter of Elias Phillips, and they have had children: John A., who married Amy Deppen; Sallie; and Lizzie.

Daniel Schlegel, son of William, was born in Washington township, on the Schlegel homestead, which consisted of about eighty acres. He was a farmer. A leading member of St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, he was a member of the building committee when the present brick church was erected. He died July 16, 1893. His wife, Amanda, was a daughter of Marks and Sarah (Wolf) Leader. They had these six children: Orella, who died unmarried; Samuel, of Lykens Valley; Oscar; Agnes, who is unmarried and has her home with her brothers Oscar and John; Elmer, of California; and John A., who with his brother Oscar owns a large farm in Lower Mahanoy township.

Oscar Schlegel, son of Daniel, is a farmer along the Susquehanna river one mile above Dalmatia, Pa. He was born Jan. 3, 1868, in Washington township. In 1902 he and his brother John came to Lower Mahanoy township, where they own and farm a tract of 186 acres, formerly belonging to Martin Bachman.

John A. Schlegel, brother of Oscar, was born Sept. 7, 1872. Since their father's death the brothers have been partners. They are Lutheran members of St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, and in politics are Democrats. In 1896 John A. Schlegel married Jennie Starr, daughter of Andrew and Susanna (Blasser) Starr. They have three children, Mark F., Walter R. and Elmer A.

E. C. ROGERS, of Sunbury, was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., Jan. 11, 1874, and received his education in the public schools at that place, after which he entered the factory of his father, D. J. Rogers, and learned the trade of stone and granite cutting.

In June, 1901, he removed to Sunbury and engaged in the stone and granite cutting business, and there he is now successfully producing high-grade monuments, mausoleums and cut stone trimmings for buildings.

OSCAR W. PENSYL, member of the firm of Paul & Pensyl, butchers of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born April 20, 1877, in Ralpho township, this county, and is a member of one of the pioneer families.

Jacob Pensyl (Bentzel), his great-great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and coming to America made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. He aft-



erward abandoned this place and took up a two-hundred-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767 and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the edifice of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebic; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married; George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

Leonard Pensyl, son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born May 11, 1804, on the homestead in Ralpho township, and died Oct. 1, 1883 (date is also given Oct. 31, 1884). He was a farmer by occupation. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for twenty-one years; in politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of Frederick William Kaseman, of Ralpho township, and to this union were born three children: Sarah A., born July 3, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1908, who was the wife of Daniel H. Adams, of Ralpho township; Daniel, who died Jan. 24, 1834, aged seven months, sixteen days; and David R.

David R. Pensyl, son of Leonard, was born Sept. 25, 1835, on the old Pensyl homestead, which he inherited, following farming there throughout his active years, except for a short time when he was in the mercantile business, which he started in 1857 and carried on for two years. He had over two hundred acres of land. Mr. Pensyl died Feb. 15, 1910, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a member of that church, and socially was a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. Though a Democrat in politics and interested in the success of his party, he never took any active part in its affairs or in public matters of any kind.

In 1859 Mr. Pensyl married Carolina Fry, daughter of Joseph Fry, and eleven children were born to their union: Lenora, who is the wife of Alonzo D. Smink, of Shamokin, and has children, Florence (wife of Robert Roth and the mother of two children, Robert L. and Harriet L.) and Reuben L.; Joseph E., who lives at Paxinos, in Ralpho township; Laura, wife of Joseph B. Hill, of Thiartown, Pa.; Leonard, a resident of Shamokin; David J., living at Weigh Scales, Northumberland county; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of George Burkert; Hannah, living at Mount Carmel; Cora, wife of Frank Leader, a merchant of

Mount Carmel; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Oscar W.; and Carrie F., deceased, who was the wife of Rutherford Hayes.

Oscar W. Pensyl received his education in the public schools of the home locality and was reared on the home farm. He also learned the butcher's trade, and when nineteen years of age came to Shamokin, where he found employment with M. Croninger, remaining with him for a period of three years. Following that experience he was employed by A. L. Witmer for six years, and in 1906, in company with Thomas H. Paul, he bought out James H. Straub, the well known butcher at No. 104 South Market street, where Paul & Pensyl are doing a profitable business. These young partners are both enterprising and hard-working young men, and they are not only winning material success but also high standing among the most substantial business men of the borough. That Mr. Pensyl is considered a reliable and trustworthy young man is evidenced from the fact that though he is a Democrat in a Republican ward—the Sixth—he was elected to the borough council in 1910. Socially he has numerous connections, holding membership in Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks; the I. O. O. F.; Jr. O. U. A. M.; K. of M.; Modern Woodman; Our Band of Shamokin, and the Merchants Association.

On Dec. 25, 1905, Mr. Pensyl married Rosie L. Getz, daughter of George Getz, a well known resident of Shamokin, and they reside at No. 104 South Market street, which property he purchased June 13, 1910.

JULIUS BEHRENT, farmer of Shamokin township, has not been a resident of that region as long as most of his neighbors, but he has made a place for himself among its substantial and respected citizens. He was born June 28, 1851, in eastern Germany, son of Louis and Augusta (Rahe) Behrent. The father was a miller, and followed that occupation in Germany until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. The mother subsequently came to America, passing the remainder of her days at the home of her son Julius, and dying June 19, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight. She was buried at Shamokin. Louis and Augusta Behrent had the following children: Amelia, Adelina, Annie, Leo, August, Lupold and Julius.

Julius Behrent learned the trade of miller and followed it while he lived in his native land. In 1873 he came to America, landing at New York City June 9th of that year, and he spent two and a half years there, in the employ of a railroad company. From there he came to Shamokin, Pa., where he was engaged at mining for eleven years, at the end of that time buying his present farm, in Shamokin township, from M. H. Kulp. This place consists of 190 acres, and Mr. Behrent has since





devoted all his time to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful. His produce is disposed of at the Shamokin markets, which he attends. Mr. Behrent has not taken any part in the public affairs of his adopted community, although he is interested in the general welfare and ready to support any measures for the universal good. He is a Republican on political questions, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, holding membership at Shamokin.

Mr. Behrent married Wilhelmina Krum, also a native of Germany, daughter of Edward Krum. They have eight children, namely: Louis, at present living in Jersey City; Susan, married to Charles Dunkelberger; Annie, married to George Bodsoskie; Frank, living in Jersey City; Minnie, at home; Edward; Martha, and Adeline.

**J. WESLEY MARKS**, of Ralpho township, storekeeper and assistant postmaster at Bear Gap, has done business in this section of Northumberland county for a number of years and has a wide acquaintance here. He was born in Columbia county, Pa., April 23, 1862, son of Jonas Marks and grandson of George Marks. His great-grandfather came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. George Marks lived at New Media, Columbia county, and died there. He was a lifelong farmer.

Jonas Marks, father of J. Wesley Marks, was born in Columbia county. He was a carpenter by trade and also followed farming. In 1890 he went out to York county, Nebr., where he died in 1907. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Raup, died in Columbia county. Of their four children, Elizabeth, Ida, Minnie and J. Wesley, all but the last named are in the West.

J. Wesley Marks attended the public schools and was reared upon the farm. When nineteen years old he began clerking for J. K. Pensyl, with whom he remained five years, at the end of that period going to Mount Carmel, where he engaged in the wholesale liquor business. In that connection he became well known throughout this district, following that line for nine years, after which he bought out the hotel at Helfenstein, Pa. He conducted it only a short time, however, when he sold out and purchased the "Elysburg Hotel," which he carried on for four years. He sold that place to G. G. Adams, and on May 5, 1910, bought out the store of Nathan G. Adams at Bear Gap, where he is now located. He is also assistant to Jacob Leisenring, the postmaster. Mr. Marks is a business man of substantial qualities, a good citizen, and enjoys high standing among his fellow men. He is a Republican in political connection and socially belongs to the Elks and the Sons of Veterans, both at Mount Carmel, being entitled to membership in the latter organization through his father's service in the Civil war.

Mr. Marks married Ida A. Fegely, daughter of Isaac Fegely, and they have had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Cornelius Fegely, grandfather of Mrs. Marks, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation, owning a large tract in Maxatawny township, near Bowers station. He died upon his farm. His wife, Annie (Heffner), is buried at Bowers. Their children were: Isaac, Mary (married Charles Kline) and James (died in Reading, Pa.).

Isaac Fegely, father of Mrs. Marks, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and followed farming and hotel-keeping, having a hotel at Monterey, in Maxatawny township. He died in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 27, 1907, and his wife, Lydia C. (Leibensperger), died at Mount Carmel, Pa., March 24, 1899. They had children as follows: Ida A., Mrs. J. Wesley Marks; Mary A., wife of J. M. Christ, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Louisa, who died young; and Harry C., who is living in New York City.

Benjamin Leibensperger, Mrs. Marks's maternal grandfather, lived near Zion's church in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and followed farming. He and his wife Lydia (Guildin) are buried at that church. Their children were: Reuben; Caroline, wife of Thomas Breinig; David, living at Allentown; Lydia C., who married Isaac Fegely; Susan, Mrs. James Fegely; Edward, who died young; Allen, living at New Ringgold; Rebecca, unmarried, who is a teacher at Allentown; Ellen, Mrs. Sipe; Oscar, living at Allentown; and Mary, widow of Nathan Wolbert.

**SCHADEL.** This family is said to be descended from Urban Schadel, who was a German by birth. Coming to Berks county, Pa., about the middle of the eighteenth century, when the Indians still roamed the forest and were his neighbors, tradition states that he located at a place in Greenwich township, where there was an apple orchard in a woods. He had a son, Heinrich Schadel (spelled "Scheddel" on his tombstone), who was born May 24, 1761, and died Nov. 22, 1828. He was a man of small stature. His wife, Eve Leisenring, was a native of Berks county, born Jan. 5, 1769, and died April 7, 1856. Both are buried at Zion's Union Church, near Klingerstown—locally known as Klingers Church. There is also a Klingerstown Church, the latter standing in the village.

Heinrich Schadel came from Berks county to Northumberland county, settling on the farm now owned by his grandson Moses, who is a bachelor. The farm having remained in the family name continuously. Some of the old buildings Heinrich Schadel erected are now crumbling, the wall of a house standing in a meadow being almost in ruins. He was an excellent wood worker and mechanic.



making spinning wheels, reels, flax brakes, and various other devices fashioned of wood. His wife Eve (Leisenring) bore him fourteen children, as follows: Jonas; Solomon (1790-1857); Gideon (1794-1848; wife Maria, 1795-1850); Jacob; David (1796-1876); Johannes (1799-1862); George; Samuel; Daniel (1801-1833); Abraham L.; Hannah, married to John Ossman; Catharine, married to Jacob Buffington; Mrs. Abraham Maurer; and one whose name is forgotten. All those whose dates of birth and death are mentioned are buried at Klingers Church, where many of the name are interred. Some of the others removed to other counties and climes. The family are all Lutherans.

Abraham L. Schadel, son of Heinrich, was born March 20, 1809, and died March 14, 1885. He was a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, owning the farm now the property of his son Moses, as well as another farm across the township line in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, where another son, Harry S., now lives. He had a one-half interest in a farm adjoining the one now owned by his son Moses. He was a substantial man. His wife, Froenica (Schneider), was a daughter of Abraham and Eve (Batteicher) Schneider. They had four children: Moses S.; Catharine, who died aged seven years; Harry S.; and Ellen A., who died in infancy.

CHARLES H. SWANK has been a contractor in Sunbury for a number of years, having followed his trade of stone mason as a journeyman for several years after settling in the borough, in 1871, and for a number of years as an independent worker. He was born Jan. 9, 1847, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, son of Solomon Swank and grandson of Peter Swank.

Peter Swank, born in 1789, settled a mile north of Elysburg, in Ralpho township, this county, then known as Shamokin township. He followed farming. His death occurred in 1848, and he is buried at the Reed Church. Like most of his family he was a Lutheran in religious faith, and he served as a member of the council of his church. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1784, long survived him, dying in 1873. Their children were as follows: William, born Feb. 15, 1813, died April 14, 1886, married Kaziah, born Oct. 19, 1817, died Dec. 28, 1893 (buried at Reed's Church); Peter; Henry H., born Oct. 22, 1820, died Aug. 19, 1890; Solomon; Mary Ann, wife of Daniel Zimmerman; Lydia, wife of Daniel Vought; Elizabeth, born in January, 1815, who died July 14, 1884, unmarried.

Jacob Swank, brother of Peter, was born Oct. 16, 1791, and died July 14, 1863. His wife Mary, born June 15, 1790, died Jan. 18, 1877. Their son Peter died Jan. 14, 1853, aged twenty-two

years. Their daughter Catharine, wife of Morris Emerson, died Jan. 17, 1846, aged twenty-six years.

Solomon Swank, son of Peter, was born in 1814 and died in 1849. He, too, is buried at Reed's Church. He lived in Rush township, where he owned his house and a lot of some thirty acres, and he enjoyed a large custom as a shoemaker, being one of the best known men of his trade in the locality. In those days shoes were made entirely by hand, and at the time of his death he had two apprentices, George Deibler and a Mr. Zimmerman, the former being his brother-in-law. He was buried at Reed's Church, of which he was a prominent Lutheran member, as were many of the name living around Elysburg. A large number of Swanks are buried at that church. He served as deacon, and on one occasion, when the church was locked as the result of some controversy, he crawled through a window and opened the doors. His wife, Mary (or Polly) Deibler, daughter of George and Elizabeth Deibler, is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They were the parents of only one child, Charles Henry.

Charles Henry Swank received the educational advantages afforded by the township schools, which he attended for about two months a year. He was reared to farming, and learned the trade of stonemason in his young manhood. Coming to Sunbury in 1871, he worked as a journeyman for Jacob Bartholomew about eight years and then began contracting, in which he has been very successful. At times he keeps as many as nine men employed. Mr. Swank has done the mason work on a number of local school buildings, laid the foundation for the original U. B. church, put up the wall for the Sunbury Safe Deposit & Trust Company, the stone work of the Episcopal parish house, the East End hardware store, the D. R. Zartman store, and many other well constructed buildings in the borough. He has also done considerable work in another branch of his business, the laying of flagstone, having in one year laid thirty-seven carloads of flagstone, and he also deals in that commodity. He has prospered by good management and thrift, and has won respect by an honorable career of industry and honest dealing. He has served six years as constable in Sunbury.

In 1868 Mr. Swank married Maria Alice Bloom, daughter of Henry and Maria (Wolf) Bloom, and four children have been born to them: Prof. Edward W. is engaged in teaching grammar school in Sunbury; Solomon F. died when five months old; Mary died in her sixth month; Lestie I. married Frank E. Heddings and they reside in Sunbury (they have one daughter Hazel A.). Mr. Swank and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a Democrat in politics.





**HARRY E. HAUPT**, member of the firm of Haupt Brothers, butchers, of Shamokin, was born in that borough, July 2, 1879, son of Benjamin Haupt. The family history is given in full elsewhere. He attended the local schools and under his father learned the butcher's trade, remaining with his father until the latter's death, after which he entered into a partnership with his brother William T. They have their place of business at the old stand at the corner of Mulberry and Market streets, Shamokin, and have established a large trade, in the grocery as well as the meat line. Mr. Haupt is a Republican in politics, a Lutheran in religion, and socially a member of the Sons of Veterans, the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Pythias.

On Jan. 29, 1898, Mr. Haupt married Gertrude E. Shuey, daughter of George and Sarah Shuey, of Shamokin, and they have had six children: Joseph H., Jr., Catherine (deceased), Sarah, Alma, Josiah R. (deceased) and Harry.

**JEREMIAH LENKER**, who has been a farmer in Rockefeller township for a number of years, was born March 7, 1850, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, in which region the Lenkers have been settled for many years. Mr. Lenker is a son of George Lenker and grandson of Simon Lenker.

One Adam (or John Adam) Lenker, evidently the first of the family to settle here, was a native of Switzerland, born Dec. 12, 1765. He located in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed farming, the original homestead upon which he settled being the farm now owned by David Bohner. He died March 24, 1834, and is buried at the Zion Church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer) and Mary (married William Schaeffer). Descendants of the three sons named are still found in this region.

Simon Lenker, born Oct. 28, 1788, in Lower Mahanoy township, was probably of this same stock, but whether a son of John Adam or not the records do not show. He owned a farm near Hickory Corners (now owned by Samuel Latsha) and followed farming all his active life, dying April 28, 1852. His wife, Catharine (Dockey), born Dec. 17, 1789, died Dec. 10, 1871. They were Lutherans, and are buried at Stone Valley Church. They had these children: Simon, Jr., is buried at Herndon, Pa.; Isaac, born Jan. 22, 1818, died March 27, 1881, lived on the homestead; George is mentioned later; Jonas owned a farm adjoining the homestead; Elizabeth died unmarried; Catharine married James Yeagly.

George Lenker, son of Simon, was born Feb. 26, 1815, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there owned the farm now the property of Morris

Bohner, a tract of about one hundred acres. He followed farming all his days. He died June 17, 1854. Mr. Lenker and his family were Lutheran members of the Stone Valley Church and he served the congregation in various official capacities. Mr. Lenker married Catharine Snyder, daughter of John Dietrich Snyder, also of Lower Mahanoy, and she survived him many years, dying Sept. 6, 1887, aged seventy-six years, three months, ten days. Two children were born to this union: Mary, who married Isaac Radel; and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Lenker was reared to farm life until he was seventeen, at which time he began to learn the trade of tanner. He followed that occupation until 1880, in which year he returned to farming, locating in Toad valley, in Lower Mahanoy township. After six years at that place he moved his family to Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, where he was also located for six years. Returning to Lower Mahanoy, he farmed there for nine years, at the end of which period, in 1900, he settled on his present farm in Rockefeller township. There he has a tract of thirty-six acres, located about two and a half miles southeast of Sunbury, on the Plum Creek road. Mr. Lenker has taken no part in public affairs since his removal to Rockefeller township, but while in Lower Mahanoy he served nine years as a member of the board of school directors. He is a Republican on political questions, and in religion he and his family are Lutherans, holding membership in Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. During his residence in Lower Mahanoy he served many years as deacon of his church.

On May 8, 1868, Mr. Lenker married Caroline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stein) Boyer, the former a native of Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., the latter of Hubley township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. When sixteen years old Mr. Boyer came with his parents to Stone Valley, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he lived and died. He was an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist, acquiring the ownership of three farms. Mr. and Mrs. Lenker have had six children: (1) M. Alma was born in Lower Mahanoy township and there received her early education, later attending Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. She began teaching public school in 1892, receiving her first license from Prof. Ira Shipman, then county superintendent, and has taught every term since, three terms in Lower Mahanoy, three terms in Upper Augusta and nine terms in Rockefeller township. In 1901 she was granted a State teacher's permanent certificate. On Oct. 31, 1905, she was graduated from the Sunbury Business College, having completed a course in stenography and typewriting. She is an accomplished pianist, and from 1891 has taught music, both vocal and instrumental. Her high



reputation as a teacher has been gained by conscientious devotion to her duties in every line. She married May 18, 1911, Warren L. Shipman, Esq., son of Saul Shipman. (2) Rev. George Irving Lenker received his elementary education in the public schools of Lower Mahanoy and taught school for two terms in his native township. He then entered Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., in 1898, and after his work there became a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Germantown, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was ordained at Philadelphia, and stationed at Grace Lutheran Church, Allegheny, which he served as pastor for seven years, resigning because of failing health. He is now sojourning at Southern Pines, N. C., for the benefit of his health. (3) Katie P. married M. Oscar Engel and they reside in Sunbury. (4) John B., a carpenter, residing at Sunbury, married Elsie Eister. (5) Lucy J. died unmarried, at the age of eighteen years, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road (Emanuel) Church in Rockefeller township. (6) Ulysses H., who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1910, is now living with his parents.

ROBERT L. RIEGER, of Herndon, Northumberland county, has been in business at that point since 1902, and also conducts two farms in Jackson township. He is a progressive citizen, and has been a useful man in various circles, taking an intelligent interest in the general welfare and managing his own affairs with the good judgment which has won the recognition of his fellow men in all the associations of life.

The Riegers are of German origin. Christian Rieger, great-grandfather of Robert L. Rieger, lived at Gien, an independent walled city in Wurttemberg, Germany, was a man of fine intellect and an able minister, a servant of the king. The family belonged to the German nobility.

John Rieger, son of Christian Rieger, passed all his life in Germany. He was a shoemaker by trade and occupation, and also a city policeman for years. He was the father of sixteen children, only four of whom, however, reached maturity, the other twelve dying young.

Casper Rieger, eldest son of John, was born Dec. 20, 1833, in Gien, and came to America in May, 1852, landing at Philadelphia, where he spent two years. After a short residence at Reading, Pa., he came to Herndon, and he followed his trade of stone cutter until 1894. Meantime he acquired an eighty-acre farm in Jackson township, which his family cultivated. He is now living retired, in Jackson township. During the Civil war Mr. Rieger served his adopted country as a member of Company B, 172d Pennsylvania Regiment, in September, 1862, and in Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer In-

fantry, with which command he saw active service, taking part in the engagement at Bermuda Hundred, in the Belfield raid on Dec. 10-11-12, 1864, next at Hatcher's Run, in Virginia (where the regiment remained one week, returning thence to Petersburg), at the taking of Fort Steadman (1865), the taking of Fort Mahone (April 2, 1865) and the capture of other forts. He married Arelia Sowers, who died in 1891, at the age of fifty-six years, and ten children were born to them: Charles H. is a farmer of Jackson township; George W. lives in Vancouver, Wash.; John died in infancy; Ellen married Wesley Wolf, of Sunbury; Robert L. lives at Herndon; Elizabeth M. married William Geiger, of Sunbury; William F. is deceased; Joseph M. is at Vancouver, Wash.; Samuel is engaged in farming in Jackson township; Francis J. lives at Portland, Oregon.

Back in the seventeenth century one of the forebears of the Riegers was a general in the regular army. He was arrested and tried for treason, and was sentenced, and during his imprisonment composed and penned a number of hymns still in use in the Lutheran Hymnal. He was subsequently pardoned and reinstated in his former office, and when he retired from active service received a letter of honor from the king for faithful service. This letter descended to the eldest son in each generation, and Casper Rieger, being in the direct line, was entitled to it, but neglected the privilege, leaving the country when he was eighteen years of age. Gien had been captured by Napoleon and given to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, and though the officers of the independent city escaped with their lives they had nothing left to boast of, and the influence of the Riegers in Gien was at an end. Hence Casper Rieger, who believed very much in independent government, came to America without his "letter of honor."

Robert L. Rieger was born April 26, 1864, in Jackson township, and obtained his education in the township schools. He was reared to farming, and gave all his attention to agriculture for some years, in 1889 purchasing White island, at Herndon, which contains 131 acres of valuable land. He lived there for a period of twelve years. In 1902 he settled at Herndon, engaging in his present line of business, which he has enlarged and added to to meet the demands of trade until his stock and interests are now quite extensive. He is engaged as a manufacturer of and dealer in bill lumber, flooring, shingles, siding, molding, window sash, doors, bricks, shingle bands, coal, and similar commodities, doing a thriving business, which he has built up by enterprising and accommodating methods. He also operates a farm of 208 acres, and one of sixty-six acres, in Jackson township. Mr. Rieger is president of the board of health of the borough of Herndon and





has given useful service in that capacity. He is independent politically.

On Dec. 13, 1879, Mr. Rieger married Elmira Lenker, daughter of Henry and Mary (Witmer) Lenker, of Mahantango, Pa., and they have had three children: Alice married T. S. Updegrove, who is now engaged in farming White island; Charles L. is a farmer in Jackson township; Clinton W. is also a farmer. Mr. Rieger and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon, in which he is quite active, serving at present as trustee of the church and teacher of a large men's class in the Sunday school. He is a graduate of the Perkasio Park Normal Assembly Course.

CONRAD YEAGER, a native of Berks county, Pa., about the year 1800 settled near Elysburg, in Northumberland county. He had a son, Conrad, Jr., and a number of daughters.

Conrad Yeager, Jr., was born in Berks county about the year 1795, and when a child came with his parents to Northumberland county, settling in Rush township. He was a farmer. He was a Lutheran in his earlier life, but at the time of his death was a Baptist. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Reed), are buried at Reed's Church. Their eleven children were: John, Absalom, Conrad, Henry, Solomon, Jacob, Elizabeth (married Isaac Hile), Esther (married Christopher Rhine), Deborah (married Joseph Haas), Sarah (married Leonard Boyer) and Mary (married Jacob Pensyl).

Solomon Yeager, born in Shamokin township July 18, 1837, now resides at Sunbury, Pa. He married Losanna Dawson, and they have children: J. Truman, Clarence, Reuben, Lizzie, Emma and Ella.

JOHN A. FERSTER, a prominent farmer of Little Mahanoy township, has passed all his life there on the farm where he now resides. Several generations of Fersters have lived in the lower part of Northumberland county. One William Ferster settled there prior to the organization of the county, in 1772, and in 1778, in the list of taxables of Mahanoy township (which then included all that part of the county lying south of Line Mountain), were the names of William, George, Peter and George Ferster, Jr., William being the father of George and Peter. William Ferster died when his son Peter was a young man, and is buried on his farm in Little Mahanoy township, in a field on the east side. Other persons were buried near him, but the plowshare now turns the sod over his grave. He owned the land which is now the property of the Joseph Haas estate near Dornsife. His children were: George, Leonard, Peter, Michael, Sally (married Bernhard Adam), Lydia (Mrs. Miller), Catharine (married David Dunkelberger), Eve (born July 8, 1780,

died Nov. 30, 1830, married Christophel Dunkelberger), and Maria Magd. (born March 5, 1791, died October, 1812, married Wilhelm Schneider).

Among the taxables in Little Mahanoy township when the first tax was collected, in 1814, after the township was organized (in 1813), were Leonard and John Ferster.

Peter and John Ferster had the first eight-day clock ever in use in Little Mahanoy township; this was in 1804. They bought it in Reading, Pa. The Fersters were noted for their strength, John and Peter performing the feat of lifting a full barrel and drinking out of the bung hole. In Washington township, this county, there is a valley known as "Foerstlers Thal," Fersters Valley. In the early records the spelling is sometimes Furster.

We have the following record of the four sons of William Ferster: George Ferster became a farmer and settled in the State of Indiana. He married and had a family.

Leonard Ferster, born March 23, 1777, died Aug. 3, 1843. He lived in Little Mahanoy township, where he owned the farm now belonging to Daniel W. Wirt. His wife, Anna Barbara (Hetrich), born Aug. 17, 1780, died Jan. 6, 1853, and they are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. The Fersters are Lutherans in religious connection. To Leonard and Anna Barbara (Hetrich) Ferster were born children as follows: Peter (mentioned below), Sally, Betzy (married Jacob Phillips), Catharine (married Samuel Wagner) and George (mentioned below).

Peter Ferster located in Washington township, where he took up considerable land in what is now known as "Fersters Valley," practically all the residents being Fersters, and four adjoining farms belonging to Fersters. Peter Ferster lived on the tract now owned by his grandsons Elias and Frank Ferster (sons of Simon). He was twice married, his wives, Christina and Barbara, respectively, being sisters and daughters of Michael Rebeck. To the first union were born children as follows: Peter; Simon, who died March 1, 1901, aged seventy-six years, five months, eleven days (his wife Mary A., born Dec. 18, 1821, died Oct. 29, 1880); Daniel; David, mentioned below; Isaac, born March 5, 1832, who died Nov. 10, 1862; and John, mentioned below. The son John was only fourteen weeks old when the mother died, in 1838. By his second wife Peter Ferster had a son George, who married Peggy Thomas; they live in Much Valley, in Washington township.

Michael Ferster (son of William), born Feb. 27, 1787, lived and died on a small tract near Rebeck. He had a farm farther up the valley. His death occurred Nov. 18, 1840, and his wife Lydia (Hepler), born Nov. 27, 1792, died Jan. 17, 1858. They are buried at the Himmel Church. Their children were all daughters: One daughter



married Henry Reitz (he was married four times); Kate married Peter Rebeck (known as "Curly Peter" Rebeck); Sarah married Peter Rebeck (known as "Little Peter" Rebeck, also as "Levy Peter"); Lydia married Peter Rebeck (known as "Pette Balser" Rebeck; she was the "Rod Lyd"); Harriet married Joseph Rebeck; Hannah married Samuel Malick.

Peter Ferster, son of Leonard, lived for some years on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by Daniel W. Wirt, which was his father's homestead and may have been a part of the land belonging to his grandfather, William Ferster. A log house still (1910) standing on this farm was built by Leonard Ferster. George Ferster, brother of Peter, obtained nineteen acres of this farm. In his later years Peter Ferster crossed the Susquehanna and settled near Richfield, in Juniata county, Pa., where he died and is buried. His wife's maiden name was Peifer, and among their children was a son George, who lived at Richfield and reached an advanced age.

George Ferster, son of Leonard, was the grandfather of John A. Ferster, and lived at the same place his grandson occupies, though he had a much smaller tract. He was born March 24, 1804, and died Oct. 26, 1830, at the early age of twenty-six years, and he is buried at the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. He married Barbara Rebeck, and they had two children, Adam and Catharine, the latter the wife of John Bohner.

Adam Ferster, son of George, was born on the farm in Little Mahanoy township, where his son John A. Ferster now lives, and passed his entire life there, dying Jan. 14, 1897, at the age of sixty-seven years, six months, twenty-eight days. He was a blacksmith, and followed the trade in addition to farming, having a shop which is still standing on his son's farm, along the road. He was considered a good mechanic, and had plenty of work to do when the timber on the surrounding mountains was cut. He was an active and intelligent man, interested in everything that concerned the general welfare, and held various political and church offices, being willing to do his share as a good citizen. In politics he was a Democrat. His first wife, Catharine (Bohner), daughter of John Bohner, is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. She was the mother of three children: William, who lives at Snyderstown, Pa.; Emeline, wife of David Long; and Aaron. Mr. Ferster's second marriage was to Rebecca Runkle, who was born Oct. 13, 1841, daughter of Philip and Susanna (Brown) Runkle, and died Jan. 17, 1908. Adam and Rebecca Ferster are buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. They were the parents of three children: Susan, married to Henry Kahler; George E., who is unmarried; and John A.

Aaron Ferster, son of Adam Ferster and his

first wife, was born April 7, 1859, in Little Mahanoy, in which township he is still engaged in farming. He was reared in his native place, and worked for his father until twenty-five years old, at which time he married and moved to Shamokin, where he lived for ten years, meantime working in the coal mines, for the Reading and Pennsylvania Coal Companies. In December, 1895, he moved with his family back to Little Mahanoy township, settling on a farm which adjoins his father's homestead to the northeast. This place was one time the Daniel Wagner homestead, and Mr. Ferster owns a nice tract of sixty-six acres, some of which is timberland. He is engaged principally in truck farming, and attends market at Shamokin every week. Mr. Ferster is a Democrat and has officiated at elections, and he was school director for a number of years, his last term expiring in 1910. He and his family are members of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he is serving as deacon.

On Aug. 31, 1884, Mr. Ferster married Mary J. Hoffman, daughter of John and Sarah (Herrick) Hoffman, of Washington township, and they have had a family of seven children: Cora, who died young; Mabel M., who married George Bingham; Edna S.; Robert L., who died young; Annie P.; Katie A.; and Adam Fred.

John A. Ferster, son of Adam and Rebecca (Runkle) Ferster, was born Aug. 13, 1875, in Little Mahanoy township, and has passed all his life on the farm where he resides, which belonged in turn to his grandfather and father. His father added to the original tract, and the farm at present contains sixty-five acres, which Mr. Ferster devotes to general crops. He sells his produce at Shamokin, where he attends market every week. Mr. Ferster is one of the energetic and intelligent young farmers of his section, has held the office of school director since 1909, and has been high constable of the township since 1902. For one year he was supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, being a member of the Emanuel Evangelical Church (Little Mahanoy), to which his family also belong; he was deacon of this church.

On Feb. 1, 1898, Mr. Ferster married Sallie Raker, daughter of Isaac and Wilhelmina (Zartman) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, and they have had three children: Ida, a daughter that died in infancy, and Adam.

David Ferster, son of Peter and grandson of William, was born March 2, 1828, in Washington township, and died Aug. 11, 1903, at his home in the southwest portion of that district. He learned the trade of wheelwright. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the war he settled down to farming in Washington township, where he owned two farms, one now





the property of his son James, the other owned by his son-in-law, Daniel Rothermel. He was a man of enterprise and public spirit, and served as school director and overseer of the poor in Washington township. His wife Judith (Brosius) was a daughter of Gottfried and Catharine (Klock) Brosius, and died March 3, 1904, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, six days. David Ferster was prominently identified with the Urban Church, and he and his wife are buried there. They had children as follows: Marie E., born April 22, 1852, married Urias Schreffler, and they are farming people of Washington township; Catharine, born Dec. 1, 1854, married Daniel Rothermel, and they, too, are farming people in Washington township; James and Levi are mentioned below; Sarah, born Aug. 14, 1864, married Killian Philips, and they are farming in Lower Mahanoy township; Emma J., born Nov. 12, 1867, is the wife of Charles R. Kauffman, a farmer of Washington township.

James Ferster, son of David, was born May 20, 1857, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn cigarmaking, which trade he followed for eight years. For nine years he was engaged as store clerk in Mahanoy, and since 1887 has cultivated the farm of the late Rev. J. Charles Smith, on the Pottsville road between Mahanoy and Urban. In 1880 he married Sevilla Philips, who was born in 1860 and died in 1901, the mother of these children: Susan, Maud, J. William and Gertrude E. In 1904 Mr. Ferster married (second) Cora Brown, and to them have been born two children, John E. and Amanda S.

Levi Ferster, son of David, was born Dec. 16, 1859, and worked on the farm for his parents until he was twenty-eight years old. At that time he married, and in 1889 he began to farm the tract of 144 acres in Washington township where he has since lived, and which he now has under a fine state of cultivation. In 1891 he built the present barn on that property. He is a prosperous farmer and one of the substantial citizens of his township, which he has served as school director for nine years. He is also prominent in church work, being a member of the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church, which he has served officially as deacon, elder and, at present, trustee. In 1887 Mr. Ferster married Mary A. Kahler, and they have had children as follows: Katie, Mary Elizabeth, Charles M., William I., John D. and Daniel J.

John Ferster, son of Peter and grandson of William, was born July 31, 1838, in Jackson (now Washington) township, where he was reared, and throughout his active years was a farmer in what is locally known as Fersters Valley. He owns ninety-five acres of land, part of his father's farm. In 1863 Mr. Ferster married Harriet Zartman, who was born Oct. 17, 1836, daughter of David

Zartman, and to them were born two sons, Daniel and Peter Z. The latter, who also lived in Fersters Valley, died March 10, 1899, aged thirty-five years, eight months, twenty-seven days; he had been twice married, his first wife, Lovina (Rebuck), dying Feb. 17, 1894, aged twenty-two years, ten months, seventeen days, the mother of one child, Charles, who died young; by his second wife, Ellen J. Miller, he had one child, Alice, who lives with her grandparents.

Daniel Ferster, son of John, was born Aug. 9, 1870, and was reared to farm life in Fersters Valley where he still resides. Until he was of age he worked for his father, and has since been farming on his own account, in 1900 settling on the place of eighty acres (formerly an Eyster farm) where he has since remained. The barn on this place was built by David Eyster in 1871, and Mr. Ferster has made a number of improvements on the tract since he acquired it. He married Ella Lebo, daughter of John and Polly (Kobel) Lebo, late of Jackson township, and they have one daughter, Carrie May. Mr. Ferster is a Democrat, and at present is serving as school director of Washington township. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, and he is now filling the office of deacon.

CHARLES H. ROTHERMEL, proprietor of the "Trevorton House" at Trevorton, is one of the younger business men of that place who are by their energy and enterprise winning a place among its substantial citizens. He was born June 5, 1878, in Washington township, Northumberland county, and comes of a family long settled in that section. His great-grandfather, Abraham Rothermel, a native of Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county about 1810 and settled in Washington township. He and his wife, Catharine (Yeager), both died in that township, and are buried there, at the Himmel Church. They had children as follows: Charles, Martin, Isaac, Amos, Katie, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Emerick.

Charles Rothermel, son of Abraham, was the grandfather of Charles H. Rothermel. He came with his parents from Berks county and lived in Washington township, where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. He was twice married; the maiden name of his first wife being Bower, and to them were born four children: Killian; Joseph; Aaron, who is living at Mount Pleasant Mills, in Snyder county, Pa.; and Harriet. His second wife, whose maiden name was Beisel, bore him the following children: Lena, Daniel, Benjamin F., Lewis, Mary and Sarah.

Benjamin F. Rothermel, father of Charles H. Rothermel, was born Aug. 9, 1855, in Washington township, and in his early life followed farming. Subsequently he was employed for some years on public works, and he is now working at



the Dunkelberger colliery. He has made his home at Trevorton since 1907. Mr. Rothermel's first wife, Emma (Hoffman), daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Drumbheller) Hoffman, died March 6, 1880, and is buried in Washington township. She was the mother of two children: Charles H. and Edward, the latter dying young. Mr. Rothermel has since married (second) Lydia Brown, daughter of Andrew Brown, and they have had one daughter, Ida, who died in infancy.

Charles H. Rothermel received his education in the public schools and passed his boyhood upon the farm. When twelve years old he began picking slate at the mines and later became a regular miner, being thus engaged until April, 1910. Before this, in 1905, he had become interested in the hotel business, but he continued his work at the mines for several years, until he felt that his hotel business needed all his attention. He is a popular host and has one of the leading hotels in the locality, enjoying a well deserved patronage. In this connection, and as a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Red Men and the Cameron Gun Club, he is very well known. He is a member of the Republican party and interested in its success, and during his residence in Cameron township served as a member of the election board. In religion he unites with the Reformed denomination.

On May 17, 1902, Mr. Rothermel married Lottie Long, daughter of Felix and Lena Long, and to them have been born the following children: Clarence, Charles B., David F. and Elmer E.

ISAAC LEPLEY, who has lived upon his present farm in Lower Augusta township since the spring of 1909, is a native of Union county, Pa., born Nov. 26, 1864, two miles from Winfield, son of Isaac and Catharine (Kline) Lepley.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 records three Lepleys as heads of families: Adam, of Bradford county, Pa., who had a wife, four sons under sixteen years old, and one daughter; Jacob, of Northumberland county, Pa., who had a wife, seven sons under sixteen years of age and four daughters; and Lawrence Lepley, of Berks county, Pa., residing in Ruscombmanor township, who had one son above sixteen years of age. Of these, Jacob Lepley was probably the ancestor of the family here under consideration. The Lepleys have long been prominent among the most respected residents of Union county. Several members of the Union county branch of the family entered the ministry, and the family was also represented in other professions.

In the courthouse at Sunbury was found the following record regarding Michael "Leapley," deceased: Papers of administration were given to

Jacob Leapley, date May 7, 1779, Will Book I, page 13. Under date of June 12, 1779, Will Book I, page 14, we find: Michael "Leaply," deceased, administrator John Nye.

Isaac Lepley, Sr., father of Mr. Isaac Lepley of Lower Augusta township, had two brothers: Joseph, who lived in Snyder county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming; and Samuel, who lived in the upper part of Pennsylvania.

Isaac Lepley, Sr., was born at Winfield, in Union county, Pa., was a lifelong farmer, and met with unusual prosperity in his undertakings, acquiring the ownership of three farms, two in Union county and one in Snyder county. The latter contained forty-five acres, and those in Union county comprised eighty-two and forty acres, respectively. The forty-acre tract was valuable limestone land, and Mr. Lepley erected three kilns and burned lime on an extensive scale. His talents as a business man were generally recognized, and he was called upon to serve his community officially, being a member of the school board and frequently serving the county as juryman. His efficient services were much appreciated. He died in Union county about 1890, at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried at Kratzerville, Snyder county. He was a Lutheran member of the Kratzerville Church, in the work of which he was prominent, holding the offices of deacon, elder and trustee. His second wife, Catharine (Kline), died about two years after he did. They were the parents of two children, Isaac and Sarah, the latter the wife of Jacob Kreisher. By his first marriage Mr. Lepley had three sons: John, who lives in the borough of Shamokin, this county; Samuel, who died at the age of thirty-five years; and Thomas, who lives in Snyder county, three miles from Winfield, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Lepley has followed farming all his life, having assisted his father during his early life and later worked for others until able to begin on his own account, which he did in 1892. In the spring of that year he settled on what was formerly the Emerich farm in Rockefeller township, which he had purchased shortly before, and which contained 110 acres. After living there for ten years he sold the place to Edw. Campbell, and for several years lived in the Irish Valley, until he moved to his present tract in Lower Augusta township, a place of sixty-seven acres which he purchased from Franklin Gonsor. He is a reliable and valuable citizen, and universally respected.

In December, 1894, Mr. Lepley married Dora Van Horn, daughter of Pierce Van Horn, of Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, and they have two sons, William P. and Edwin O. Mr. Lepley and his family are Lutherans. In politics he is a Democrat.







JESSE CABEL, farmer of Ralpho township, belongs to a respected family of that section of Northumberland county. The Cabels are of German extraction. Joseph Cabel, his grandfather, was extensively engaged in farming in Jackson township, this county, and in his later years went West, where he died about 1865. His children were: Daniel, Abraham, Christian, Eliza, Wilhelmina and Elizabeth.

Christian Cabel, son of Joseph, first followed farming, but he was a man of mechanical ability and learned the trades of shoemaker, stonemason and clockmaker, at all of which he worked. Coming to Ralpho township he took up about twelve hundred acres of land, making his home near Weigh Scales, and following farming and clock-making. He sold one tract to Charles Snyder. He met his death in 1860, when about forty-nine years old, along the pike between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg Landing, and is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. His wife, Sarah (Hensyl), was a daughter of George Hensyl, who lived in Mahanoy township, this county. They had a large family, namely: Harriet is unmarried; Caroline married Isaac Haas and (second) George Hartline; Eliza married Isaac Hill; Kate married John Hoffman; Sarah married Hugh Campbell; Mary married James Adams; Susan married Adolph Walbridge; Annie married Joseph Dunkelberger; John died in Mifflin county, Pa.; Albert is a resident of Pottsville, Pa., where he is engaged in business as a druggist; Jesse completes the family.

Jesse Cabel was born in Ralpho township April 1, 1848, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on the home place, working out among farmers for a time after commencing on his own account. He then found employment doing repair work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and spent five years in the shops at Shamokin. In 1870 he located at Weigh Scales, buying a small tract of land there from Mrs. Mary J. Snyder, and there he has since followed farming, also doing considerable work for the township. He is an honorable man, and highly respected in his neighborhood for his straightforward, industrious life.

Mr. Cabel married Lucinda Adams, daughter of Benjamin and Mary M. (Pensyl) Adams, and they have had children as follows: Franklin E. and Edward E., twins, both deceased; William, who was accidentally killed at Irish Valley when fifteen years old, while hunting; Millard, a barber by trade, who lives at home; John, at home; and Caroline, who is engaged as a stenographer in Philadelphia. Mr. Cabel is a member of the Blue Church, and he formerly belonged to the I. O. O. F. He votes independently, supporting the best candidates, regardless of party.

Cabel station, on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was named after Christian Cabel, father

of Jesse Cabel, and Cabel post office, at Weigh Scales, was also named for the family.

A. MILTON DELCAMP is proprietor of the "Locust Mountain House" at Mount Carmel, having one of the oldest and best established hotel stands in that vicinity. He took charge of this place in June, 1906, and has done a thriving business, his management having proved a success from the start. Mr. Delcamp has passed all his life at Mount Carmel, having been born there Nov. 9, 1870, son of Daniel Delcamp.

The Delcamp family is of French origin and the name was formerly spelled De La Camp. Mr. Delcamp's great-great-grandfather came to this country from France in 1753, settling in Philadelphia. His son Peter, the great-grandfather of A. Milton Delcamp, settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died at an advanced age. He was a farmer by occupation. His children were William, Philip, Peter, John, and one son who settled in Ohio.

William Delcamp, son of Peter, was born in 1803 at Minersville, and died in 1869 at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling for many years, also engaging in farming. He married Rebecca Faust, who died at Mount Carmel and is buried in Alaska cemetery, and they had a family of six children: Eli, Matilda, Anetta, Joseph, Daniel and William. Three of the sons served in the Civil war, namely: William was a member of Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Joseph also served as a member of the same company and regiment. Daniel enlisted in the same command (Company A, 50th Regiment) in February, 1864, from Pottsville, and served seventeen months, until after the close of the war; he was wounded in the left cheek and still carries the mark.

Daniel Delcamp, son of William, was born Nov. 2, 1837, in Branch township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and has lived in Mount Carmel since 1867. He followed mining for a period of fifty-one years, retiring in 1910. By his first wife, Bella Klinger, who died in 1872, Mr. Delcamp had two children, William and A. Milton. His second marriage was to Sarah Eisenbach, daughter of George Eisenbach, and eleven children have been born to this union: Charles, Matilda (married John Morgan), Edward, Elmer, Maude (deceased), George, Ida, Irene (deceased), Robert, Raymond and Flossie.

A. Milton Delcamp received his education in the public schools of Mount Carmel. He began work as a slate picker, being thus employed for two years, after which he was engaged at selling milk, for five years. He then attended school again for one term, following which he was employed by William Klees, in the butcher business, for three years, and later became a bar clerk. In



February, 1900, he entered the employ of I. K. Wetzel, and in June, 1906, took charge of the "Locust Mountain House" as proprietor. The hotel has twenty-seven rooms, and is conveniently equipped. Mr. Delcamp is well fitted for the hotel business, having the faculty of making his guests comfortable and well satisfied with the service they receive and an obliging disposition which not only meets but anticipates the demands of his patrons. He does a profitable business and deserves the success he has won.

Mr. Delcamp is well known in the local social organizations, belonging to the P. O. S. of A., the Sons of Veterans, the Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Anthracite Fire Company. Politically he does not adhere to the principles of any one party, voting independently, and his hotel is the voting place of the 1st precinct of the Third ward.

On Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. Delcamp married Hetty Grove, daughter of John and Elizabeth Grove, of Mount Carmel, and they have had two children, Dorothy and Sarah.

EDGAR B. HUME, senior member of the firm of Hume & Shipe, who are engaged in business at Sunbury as dealers in automobiles, and also conduct an automobile repair establishment, is a thoroughly enterprising business man, and well fitted by his familiarity with modern machinery for the line in which he is at present interested.

Mr. Hume was born Aug. 19, 1876, in Cincinnati, Ohio, of which city his father, G. W. Hume, is also a native. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city and later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, after which he took up mechanical work. He learned the machinist's trade at Columbus, Ohio, with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, remaining at the plant of that corporation for five years and during that time working in every department except the drafting department. His next employment was at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was engaged in the Portsmouth Foundry & Machine Works a short time. For the next three years he was with the Friedman Brothers Shoe Company, at St. Louis, Mo., having charge of the mechanical end of their large establishment, and at the end of that time returned to his native city, where he gained his first experience in the automobile business. He and a partner opened an auto repair shop, which they conducted successfully for two years, following which Mr. Hume accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Union Special Machine Company, of No. 731 Arch street, Philadelphia, being thus engaged for six years. He afterward held a similar position with the United Shoe Machinery Company, of No. 415 Arch street, Phila-

delphia, traveling from Boston to Winston Salem, N. C., where there is a thriving Moravian settlement; he had the novel experience of visiting a community where people never lock their doors at night, where there is no jail, no courthouse, no postoffice, and no need for any of the precautions ordinarily taken in well settled places. In May, 1907, Mr. Hume came to Sunbury, where he formed his present partnership with Harry P. Shipe. Their establishment is at No. 132 South Front street, where they occupy a new two-story building, 40 by 60 feet in dimensions. They handle the Buick, Maxwell and Matheson cars, and do an extensive repair business, employing six men regularly. Mr. Hume is a member of Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, at Columbus, Ohio; of B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 267, Sunbury; and of the Sunbury Automobile Club.

HARRY P. SHIPE, junior member of the firm of Hume & Shipe, is a native of Sunbury and has passed all his life in that borough. He belongs to the family of Shipes numerous in Upper and Lower Augusta townships, in Northumberland county, being a grandson of Moses Shipe, who resides at No. 907 East Market street, Sunbury.

Isaac P. Shipe, son of Moses, was born in Northumberland county, and died at Sunbury July 8, 1893, at the early age of twenty-eight years. He passed all his life in Sunbury, and at the time of his death was engaged as a fireman on the Northern Central railroad; he was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He married Catharine Greunaugh Bright, daughter of S. P. Bright, of Sunbury, and to this union were born four children: Mabel V., now the wife of Charles E. Dalzell, of Sunbury; Harry P.; Annie Isabelle, married to Edward Roberts, of Sunbury; and Earl H., of Sunbury. Mrs. Shipe married for her second husband J. L. Golden, and they make their home in Sunbury.

Harry P. Shipe was born in Sunbury July 9, 1885, and there received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1903. For the next two years he was employed as clerk by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and then for three years was in the employ of the United Telephone Company at Sunbury. At the end of that time he became associated with Mr. Hume in their present business, to which he gives all his time. He is well known to be industrious and ambitious, and has done his share toward making a success of the venture. Mr. Shipe is well known socially, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and in the Temple and Americus Clubs, both of Sunbury. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.







**BOHNER.** The Bohner family has long been a numerous and prosperous race in the lower part of Northumberland county, where Nicholas Bohner, its founder here, settled in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was one of the Hessian soldiers who came to America during the Revolutionary war and remained here after the struggle for independence was over. We give the record of his posterity in chronological order.

(I) Nicholas Bohner was born Jan. 18, 1754. He first located in Pennsylvania near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks county. Thence he moved to Lebanon county, near Fredericksburg, and from there to the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, near Gratz. He lived there some years on a tract of land in Lykens township later owned by a Klinger, and then removed to what is now Jordan township, in Northumberland county, when he bought a tract of land which remained in the family name to the third generation, until it passed into the possession of one Samuel Bower; part of it is now owned by Emanuel Shoop, and part by Daniel K. Schlegel. Nicholas Bohner followed farming to the end of his days. He was a tall, erect and handsome man, the ideal of a soldier. He died Feb. 5, 1824, and is buried at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley, where his wife also rests. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

While living in Lebanon county Nicholas Bohner married Margaret Stahr, born Feb. 26, 1754, who died Aug. 13, 1831. To them were born four sons and one daughter, the sons being Jacob, Henry, Frederick and John. The daughter was married to a Stump in Northumberland county, but she and her husband left Pennsylvania, settling in Ohio.

(II) Jacob Bohner, son of Nicholas, was born Nov. 8, 1783, in the Lykens Valley. He followed farming and became very successful, owning three good farms. For some years he lived on a farm about two miles west of Hebe, and he was a Reformed member of the Hebe Church, where he is buried. He died Dec. 20, 1863. His wife, Catharine (Deibler), daughter of Mathias Deibler, was born May 16, 1789, and died Sept. 27, 1855. They were the parents of twelve children: Jacob, Jonathan, John, Abraham, Daniel, David, George, Matthias, Michael D., Elizabeth, Eve and Polly.

(III) Michael D. Bohner, son of Jacob, was born in Jordan township Nov. 15, 1833. He was reared to farming and also learned the saddler's trade, commencing his apprenticeship when he was fifteen and following that calling for forty years in all. He now lives on a tract of twenty-nine acres in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Bohner has taken some interest and part in local affairs as an adherent of the Democratic party, and has served the party as precinct officer and his township as school director and supervisor. In religion he is

a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Bohner married Catharine Rubendall, daughter of Abraham and Molly (Carl) Rubendall, and they have had the following children: Amelia J., Jacob M., Sivilla, Polly Q., Franklin, Lizzie and Catharine.

(II) Henry Bohner, son of Nicholas, remained on the homestead and followed farming. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Brosius, had children: Peter, Jacob, Henry, Nicholas, Catharine (married Michael Spotts), Elizabeth (married Isaac Heim), Rebecca (married Michael Schaffer) and Mrs. Jacob Miller (who had three sons and one daughter, Mary). Henry Bohner's second wife was Rebecca Troutman, who bore him two children, William and Sarah. (Among the Bohners in the Pillow cemetery is Mary, wife of Henry Bohner, born Nov. 17, 1790, died June 3, 1830.)

(III) Jacob Bohner, son of Henry and grandson of Nicholas, was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, Dec. 3, 1815, and died on his birthday, Dec. 3, 1896, aged eighty-one years. He and his wife are buried in the Pillow cemetery, Uniontown. He lived two miles south of his father's homestead, on the line of Mifflin and Lykens townships, in Dauphin county, the township line passing through his house. When he built a new house, however, he located it in Mifflin township, where he voted and where his children went to school. In addition to farming he operated a sawmill, running what was known as Bohner's sawmill in Mifflin township for nearly forty years. His first mill, an old-fashioned structure, he replaced with a new one, which was washed away by the flood. His farm comprised 130 acres. He was a man not only well known but highly respected, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of the church at Uniontown, serving as deacon and elder.

Jacob Bohner married Salome Reitz, who was born April 10, 1822, daughter of Peter Reitz, and died Nov. 9, 1890. Twelve children were born to them, viz.: Henry, Louisa, Elias (died young), Joel (died young), David, John, Cornelius (died young), Sarah, Mary J. (died young), Jacob M., Peter Morris (died young) and Edwin D.

(IV) DAVID BOHNER, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 18, 1849, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, and was reared to farm life. When he left home he engaged in the cotton lapping and feed business in Mifflin township, following that line for eleven years in all—the cotton business for seven years, adding the feed business the last four years. Coming to Lower Mahanoy township in 1881 he purchased a 124-acre farm, a Grim homestead, which he bought from the Harris estate. It is located one mile southeast of Hickory



Corners, and here he has ever since been engaged in farming.

While living in Dauphin county Mr. Bohner took considerable interest in public affairs and held local offices, serving Uniontown borough, where he lived for eleven and a half years before he moved to his present farm, as member of the town council. He is a Democrat in political opinion. He and his family are Reformed members of Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, where he served a number of years as an officer, being deacon, elder and trustee.

In 1870 Mr. Bohner married Harriet Latsha, daughter of Henry Latsha, and they have had four children: Henry M. is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy; Mary J. married David G. Bohner; Salome married Charles M. Masser; Laura R. married C. O. Schaffer.

(IV) EDWIN D. BOHNER, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 10, 1867. He received his education in the public schools and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He then found employment working around a coal breaker, and for five years fired at a breaker in Northumberland county, in the spring of 1899 moving to his present place, a tract of ninety-two acres in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, on the south side of Line Mountain near the Schuylkill county line. This farm was formerly owned by Rev. H. Weicksel, and in the earlier days was a Yoder homestead. Mr. Bohner moved to this place March 28, 1899, and has been farming there ever since, selling his products at Shamokin. He is a butcher, and follows that trade in connection with his agricultural work.

On Oct. 15, 1892, Mr. Bohner married Annie Reed, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Heckert) Reed, and they have had three children, Goldie, Kimber and Emerson. Mr. Bohner and his family worship at Jacob's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation, which he served as deacon. He is a Democrat in politics.

(II) Frederick Bohner, son of Nicholas, born June 20, 1790, died March 12, 1831. He settled near Uniontown, in Jordan township, and was a substantial and prosperous citizen, owning and cultivating a large farm, a part of the homestead. He has descendants living in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships; one of his grandsons, Rev. Benjamin Bohner, of Allentown, Pa., is a foremost minister of the Evangelical Association, having served as presiding elder. Frederick Bohner was held in the highest repute. He was one of the founders of the Evangelical Church in Uniontown. He married Eve Brosius, born July 2, 1792, died May 27, 1872, and they are buried in Bohner's (Union) cemetery, near Uniontown. They were the parents of five children: Daniel

married Julianna Mease (Measy); Lydia married Rev. Mr. Anspach; Sallie married a Wildermuth; Rebecca married Moses Troutman; Phoebe married a Mr. Mease.

(III) Daniel Bohner, son of Frederick, lived near Uniontown, on the hill to the north, part of his homestead being the farm of Daniel K. Schlegel. He acquired a substantial property, but lost heavily in the U. B. graveyard insurance venture. A man of strong intelligence and remarkable foresight, he was a leader in his community in many ways. Converted at his home during the thirties, under Bishop Seibert, then a presiding elder of the Evangelical Association, he was one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Uniontown and one of the most zealous and effective advocates of the doctrines of that sect in his vicinity, doing much for its advancement. He helped to erect the first Evangelical church at Uniontown, giving liberally not only of money but of lumber and other material, doing considerable hauling, boarding the help, etc. He held many offices in the church and to the end of his days was an ardent Christian, a truly spiritual man. The camp meetings were held in his grove, and through his zealous efforts many members were brought into the church. He served as lay delegate to many church conferences, and to the general conference. He was a devout student of the Bible. Mr. Bohner died March 29, 1904, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, ten months, seven days. He was always a strong man physically, short but broad shouldered and heavy set, and had a full face. In 1874 he built a large vault in Bohner's Union cemetery, near Pillow, and about twenty years before his death had a steel coffin made for himself and wife, Julianna Measy (Mease), who passed away Dec. 8, 1898, aged eighty-one years, eight months, thirteen days. They had children as follows: Emanuel, Rev. Benjamin (married and had three children, Osby, Harvey and Emma), Henry, Daniel M., Phoebe (married William Spotts, and lived in Kansas), Annie, Mary (known as Polly, died unmarried), Sarah (married Jeremiah Weaver) and Emma (married Simon Eyer, of New Jersey).

(IV) Emanuel Bohner, son of Daniel, was born in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and died in that township, Jan. 18, 1904, aged sixty-eight years, four days. His wife, Mary Ann Matter, died Feb. 9, 1904, aged sixty-two years, nine months, fifteen days. They are buried in the Union cemetery mentioned above. Mr. Bohner owned one of the old homesteads, as well as the farm now owned by his son Elmer in Jackson township. He was active in church life, as a member of the Evangelical Association, in which he served as classleader and exhorter. He went with the Dubb side upon the division of the church, was subsequently conference delegate, and was







ever a beloved member of the church. He and his aged father lived together in their declining years and it is a somewhat remarkable fact that he died Jan. 18th, his wife on Feb. 9th and the aged father March 29th, all in 1904. Adam Romberger, a son-in-law of Daniel Bohner, died only four weeks before Emanuel. Emanuel Bohner's children were: Nathaniel, who is a farmer of Jackson township; Adam Elmer; Daniel W., who died in his ninth year; Benjamin; Alice, married to Jere Walborn; Annie Jane, married to James Farly; Annie, married to Frank Forney; and Katie, unmarried, who lives in Millersburg.

(II) John Bohner, son of Nicholas, was born Sept. 4, 1792, in the Mahantango Valley in upper Dauphin county, and lived in Jackson (then Mahanoy) township, being the first of the name to own the Bohner farm at Mahanoy. The tract comprises 140 acres, located a quarter of a mile south of Mahanoy, and has been in the family name for nearly one hundred years. The house is an old landmark, the old part, which is built of logs, being more than a hundred years old. Mr. Bohner was a stonemason, and followed that trade most of the time, his children conducting the farm. His work as a mason took him to Phoenixville and into Berks, Lebanon and other counties toward Philadelphia, and he had large contracts in the building of the Schuylkill canal. He died June 7, 1880, and is buried at Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, of which he was an official member.

John Bohner's wife, Maria (Delp), born Nov. 5, 1789, died Dec. 1, 1868. Their children, all born at the homestead above mentioned, were Peter, Daniel, David, Simon (born 1822), John (who lives near Snyderstown, Shamokin township), Benjamin (now living in Shamokin township, Northumberland county), Elizabeth (the eldest of the family, married Daniel Hilbush), Susanna (married Peter Schlegel), Maricha (married Peter Thomas), Catharine (married Adam Ferster) and Dinah (married Daniel Shreffler). The only survivors of this large family are John and Benjamin.

(III) David Bohner, son of John, lived in Jackson township, where he was engaged as a farmer, miller and shoemaker. For a number of years he owned and operated what is known as the "Holshue" mill. He is buried at Peiffers Church at Mandata, Northumberland county. He and his wife Catharine (Garman) had a family of eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, Elias, Mary, John and David G.

(IV) David G. Bohner, son of David, was born Nov. 10, 1873, and is at present engaged in farming with his father-in-law. He married Mary J. Bohner, daughter of (IV) David Bohner, of another branch of the family, and they have had two children, Leo F. and Ralph R.

(III) Peter Bohner, son of John, was born Oct. 28, 1817, on the homestead in what was then Mahanoy (now Jackson) township. He spent his entire life on that farm, and, as previously related, his father was away from home so much of the time following his trade that Peter looked after the farm work. Thus it came about that by the time he was seventeen he was doing the work of a mature man. Until his father retired he farmed the place on shares, and it eventually came into his possession. It is still in the Bohner name, being owned by his son John. In 1870 Peter Bohner built the present barn on the place, a structure 85 by 40 feet originally, with a 14-foot addition used as a wagon shed. He was a large, strong man, weighing over two hundred pounds, and carried his responsibilities easily. He was well known in Jackson township, where he served as supervisor (many years) and assessor, was a Democrat in political matters and in religion a Reformed member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he is buried. He was a prominent worker in that congregation, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, was liberal in his support of church work and consistent in his life. He was baptized by Nicholas Hembing and catechised at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, being confirmed by Rev. Benjamin Boyer, May 30, 1835. He died in April, 1901.

Peter Bohner was twice married, the first time Aug. 23, 1842, to Catharine Rebeck, daughter of Peter Rebeck; she was born April 2, 1822, and died March 3, 1861. She is buried beside her husband at St. Peter's Church. To this union were born twelve children, namely: Noah R. is mentioned below; a daughter, twin of Noah, died in infancy; Susan married Elias Tressler, of Mahanoy; Joel is a resident of Northumberland county, near Kline's Grove; Harriet married William Terster (who is now deceased) and they lived in Washington township, Northumberland county; Cornelius lived in Lower Augusta township; Lavina married Albert Bressler and lived in Hegins, Schuylkill county; John R. is mentioned below; Peter is a resident of Jackson township; Catharine (twin of Peter) married Levi Bohner (a distant relative); George lives in Shamokin; Daniel died young.

For his second wife Peter Bohner married June 19, 1864, Susanna (Shaffer), daughter of Peter and Mary Magd. (Brown) Shaffer and widow of Jacob Lahr, and to this marriage was born one son, William S., who is mentioned below. Mrs. Bohner was first married, April 23, 1843, to Jacob Lahr, and they had eight children (seven sons and one daughter), viz.: Josiah, Wilhelmina, Israel, Daniel, and four who died young. Daniel is the only survivor. Mrs. Bohner's maternal grandfather, Michael Brown, born March 30, 1770, came from Berks county; he died May 9, 1851.



His wife, born Sept. 16, 1772, died Feb. 18, 1844. They were married April 19, 1795, and had a family of nine children, Mary Magd. (Polly), mother of Mrs. Bohner, being born Jan. 19, 1798; she died May 21, 1864.

(IV) NOAH R. BOHNER, son of Peter, was born May 10, 1844, on the homestead in Jackson township, and was there reared, during his boyhood attending the old-fashioned pay school at Mahanoy. After working as hired man away from home one year he returned to his father, working for him and in the neighborhood until 1868. He had married the previous year, and he then removed to Lower Mahanoy township, where he farmed as a tenant for six years before settling on his present place, in that township, in 1874. He owns the old John Dockey homestead of eighty-five acres, and has prospered well, being one of the substantial citizens of his section. The barn on this place was built about 1832, and the log house is even older, having been built by Mr. Dockey in 1807; it was the second house erected on the farm.

On Oct. 13, 1867, Mr. Bohner married Mary Troutman, daughter of Moses Troutman, and they have had the following children: Adam F., of Uniontown, Pa.; Harvey E., of Millersburg, Pa.; Rev. Jonathan, a minister of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, who was first stationed at Boyertown, later at South Allentown and Palmyra, and is now at East Greenville (he married Mary Lyte, of Dauphin, on the Susquehanna river, and they have had five children, Ruth, Mabel, Emma, John and Paul); Charles G., of Lower Mahanoy township; Harry P., of Pillow, Pa.; Noah Carnie, of Millersburg, Pa.; David Lloyd, who is at home with his parents; and Mary Mabel, also at home.

Mr. Bohner and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Uniontown, in which he has been a very prominent worker, having served as class leader, exhorter, trustee, and steward for a number of years. He was a delegate to the annual conference which met at Easton, Pa. He is an independent voter on political questions, and though not active ordinarily in public matters has served as school director.

(IV) JOHN R. BOHNER, son of Peter, was born on the homestead farm in Jackson township May 14, 1854. He began his education in the old subscription schools, and then for four winters attended the free schools. He was reared to farming, and in 1881 began operating the home place, which came into his name in 1902. He continued to cultivate it successfully until 1907, when he retired from its active care, his sons succeeding him. Mr. Bohner has been quite active in the local civil administration, having served as auditor, supervisor and school director; he held the latter office six years, refusing a renomination. In political opinion he is a Democrat. He has also

been active in St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member, serving as deacon for three years and as trustee nine years.

On Dec. 1, 1882, Mr. Bohner married Alice Tyson, daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Greisher) Tyson, the former of whom was a soldier in the Civil war and disappeared after that struggle. Mrs. Bohner died Dec. 1, 1894, on the twelfth anniversary of her marriage, at the age of thirty-four years, six months. She was the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Elijah married Amelia Lahr and they live with his father; Mary married Benjamin Neihart and lives at Trevorton, Pa.; Lydia married Henry Foster Rhoads and they live with her father; Jesiah is unmarried.

(IV) WILLIAM S. BOHNER, youngest son of Peter, was born May 1, 1865, at Mahanoy, and spent his early years at farm work. When sixteen years old, in 1881, he went to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years in his native district and at Shamokin, where he worked some years. He lived at Shamokin for three years during this period, and in that time built two houses which he sold. He was engaged at his trade four years as foreman. Beginning farming at Mahanoy he cultivated what is locally known at the "Bunker Hill" farm for thirteen years. On Feb. 22, 1904, he came to Lower Augusta township, where he bought what was known as the James Caldren farm, consisting of 104 acres, where he has since lived and farmed. He has prospered, and has made a number of improvements on the place, which shows many evidences of his enterprise and thrift.

On Sept. 17, 1887, Mr. Bohner married, at Mahanoy, Lillie L. Bohner, daughter of Michael D. Bohner, of what was then Jackson (now Lower Mahanoy) township. Five children have been born to this union: Hannah M. married George Starr and lives at Herndon; Ida I., Lillie Agnes, Nora E. and Stella May are at home. Mr. Bohner and his family attend the Methodist Church, but he is not sectarian on religious questions.

JEREMIAH PEIFER, a venerable farmer of Jordan township, located at Hebe, belongs to a family which was identified with Berks county in the early days of the State, and the branch in which we are interested has been established in Northumberland county for several generations.

There was a Michael Peiffer who died in Greenwich township, Berks county, early in March, 1807, his "beloved wife Elizabeth" and son John being the executors of his will, which was made Nov. 17, 1806. It is recorded in Will Book IV, page 413. His children were: John, Michael, Daniel, Christiana and Elizabeth. It is supposed the son John was the pioneer in this region, founding the Peifer family now so numerous and credit-







ably represented in Jordan township and vicinity.

John Peifer (or Peiffer) was born in Berks county, and came from Greenwich or Marion township to what was then Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in 1815, acquiring ownership of four hundred acres of land in the territory now embraced in Jackson township. He is buried at the Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church. His children were: John, who settled in Little Mahanoy township; Peter, who had no children; Michael, who is mentioned below; Henry, who is mentioned below; and Philip, who left this county, though his location is not known.

Michael Peifer, son of John, was born in Berks county, and passed the greater part of his life in Northumberland county, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He is buried at Zartman's United Evangelical Church. A farmer by occupation, he began for himself near Herndon, in Jackson township, where he lived for some years, after which he bought the property now owned by Daniel Brower, cultivating this land until his death. His wife Barbara also died on this farm. She was a daughter of Michael Bordner, of Berrysburg, in the Lykens Valley, and was Michael Peifer's second wife. By his first marriage he was the father of eleven children: Isaac, Benjamin, Daniel, Lydia, Sally, Harriet, Polly, and four who died young. To the second union were born five; Jeremiah; Elias, deceased; Henry, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Lovina, wife of Jacob Heim, of Swabian Valley; and Eliza, widow of Israel Carl, now living in Tower City, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Peifer was born May 9, 1836, in Jackson township, on the farm now owned by the widow of Galen Smith, one time county treasurer. He was reared on the farm now owned by Daniel Brower, and became accustomed to farm work from his early boyhood, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years. His educational advantages were limited, for instead of attending school in the winter, as many of the boys who had to help with the work in summer did, he assisted with the threshing, which was then accomplished by riding the horses over the grain spread on the barn floor. After leaving home he hired out to do farm work for several years, and for three years devoted himself exclusively to his trade, that of carpenter. After his marriage he came to his present location at Hebe, purchasing the Solomon Schmeltz homestead, which contains forty acres of cleared land and ten acres of woodland. This is a most desirable property, and practically all the improvements have been made during Mr. Peifer's ownership, he having erected all the buildings. He is a substantial and useful citizen, highly esteemed by his neighbors, and he and his family are members of Troutman's United Evangelical Church at Union-

town (Pillow). In political belief he is a Republican.

In 1872 Mr. Peifer married Ellemina Troutman, daughter of John and Harriet (Leshner) Troutman, and they have had three children: Lillie Jane married Irwin Bowman and they live at Hebe; Lizzie Alice married James Schlegel and their home is in Jordan township; John married Blanche Bush and they live with his father (they have one child, Fred).

Henry Peifer, son of John, was born about 1806 in either Greenwich or Marion township, Berks county. When he was nine years old his parents moved to what is now Jackson township, and there he grew up, being trained to farming from early boyhood. After his father's death the homestead came into his possession, and he was a well known and much respected man in his locality. He had received a good German education and wrote German well. He was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation of Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, also known locally as Krebs Church, and held the office of elder for many years. On political questions he was a Republican. To him and his wife Sallie (Zartman), daughter of John Zartman, were born the following children: Sarah married George Witmer; Elias died at Berrysburg, Pa.; Polly married Jacob Still and they purchased part of the Peifer homestead, on which they lived; Peggy married Jacob Witmer and they moved to Iowa, where they died; Isaac lives at Milton, Iowa, a retired farmer; Benjamin is mentioned below; Mary died unmarried; Henry lives at Dalmatia, Northumberland county (he has a family of seventeen children); Catharine; Daniel is a resident of Jackson township.

Benjamin Peifer, son of Henry, received his education in the subscription schools which were the only local institutions of learning during his boyhood. In 1880 he began farming for himself as a tenant in Lower Mahanoy township, living there three years and thence moving to Jackson township. In the spring of 1887 he settled on the homestead, where he farmed for the next twenty years, and he has since rented the place to his son George. He bought the property in the fall of 1886, and found it a valuable holding. It consists of about two hundred acres of good land. In the spring of 1908 Mr. Peifer bought a nice home at Mandata to which he moved with his family, and he is now living retired from arduous labor, enjoying the rewards of his long years of activity. Though he always devoted himself for the most part to his work he found time for useful citizenship, serving five years as school director in Jackson township, and for a number of years he has been prominent as a member and official in the United Evangelical Church at Mandata called



Peifer's Church, to which his family also belong. His father, Henry Peifer, gave the ground upon which the church stands, and also the lumber to build it. Benjamin Peifer is still serving as steward of this church, which office he has held for a number of years. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Peifer married Hettie Wolf, daughter of Jacob and Eve (Engel) Wolf, and she died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving one child, William, who now lives at Williamstown, Pa. On Dec. 26, 1874, Mr. Peifer married (second) Mary Jane Stepp, daughter of Bastian and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Stepp, of Lower Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of John and Rebecca (Bordner) Stepp and (maternally) of Thomas Maxwell, a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Peifer have five sons and two daughters: Charles, married to Annie Gordon; George, married to Ida Shiffer; Jennie, married to William Michael; John; Harvey; Carrie, and Ammon.

Daniel Peifer, son of Henry, is a farmer of Jackson township, where he was born on the homestead July 2, 1850. He first attended the subscription schools, later the free schools, having the advantages of two terms in the free schools in Lower Mahanoy township. Farm work has always been his vocation. In 1876 he began for himself on the homestead in Jackson township, where he continued for eleven years, in 1887 moving upon his present farm, which was the John Carl homestead. The tract contains thirty-three acres lying between Herndon, Mandata and Mahanoy, and John Carl conducted a store here for many years. Mr. Peifer is a Republican, for four years was a school director of the township, and for a number of years has been active in the work of Peifer's United Evangelical Church, of which he has been a useful member. He has served as trustee and steward, and since 1902 as exhorter. His family also belong to that church.

On Jan. 20, 1877, Mr. Peifer married Abbie E. Snyder, of Vera Cruz, daughter of the late David Snyder (whose wife was a Lebo), and they have had three children: Laura, who married Frank Bohner, of Sunbury, Pa.; Harry L., and Eugene D.

There was a John Peifer who came from Berks county to Northumberland in his early manhood, settling near Mandata, in Jackson township, where he farmed for some years before moving to Little Mahanoy, where he was a tenant on the farm now owned by his grandson, George C. Peifer. He was born Feb. 27, 1784, and died Sept. 17, 1859, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Miller), born Sept. 26, 1786, died April 6, 1855. Their children were: Jonas, who died at Trevorton; George; Peter, who died at Little Mahanoy; John, who died in Iowa; Elias;

Benjamin, who died at Trevorton; Sallie, Mrs. Ferster; Molly, Mrs. Jerre Wetzel; Peggy, who died unmarried; and Betzy, Mrs. James Wetzel.

George Peifer, son of John, was born Dec. 12, 1812, in Jackson township, and died June 22, 1894, in Little Mahanoy township, aged eighty-one years, six months, eleven days. He had moved to that township with his parents when a young man, married there and followed farming all his life, becoming prosperous through the exercise of industry and thrift. He owned the farm now belonging to his son George C., and also had a tract of seventy-five acres in the Mahantango Valley, in Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, the old homestead of Sebastian Zimmerman, his father-in-law. Though busily engaged in looking after his own affairs he found time to serve the community, holding the offices of supervisor and treasurer of his township, and he was a deacon for many years of the Little Mahanoy Church, where he belonged to the Reformed congregation. His wife, Catharine, was a Lutheran member of that church, and they are buried there. She was born March 1, 1819, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Klock) Zimmerman, and died Aug. 26, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-six. The children of this union were as follows: Hettie, born in 1840, married Simon Dunkelberger; Catharine, born in 1842, married J. D. Reitz; Peter is a resident of Sunbury; Sarah married Daniel Reitz; Lovina married Isaac Swinehart; Lenah married D. M. Zartman; George C. is mentioned below; Harriet married William Hetrich; Benjamin lives in Little Mahanoy; Lizzie married Edwin Hetrich, brother of William; Tilila married Benjamin Shaffer; Miranda married William Reitz.

George C. Peifer, a farmer on the south side of the Mahanoy creek, in Little Mahanoy township, was born in that township March 1, 1851, and has lived at his present home since 1854. The only schools in the neighborhood were then subscription schools, and he enjoyed the advantages they afforded. Working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, he subsequently farmed the place on shares until 1894, when he began cultivating it for himself, and he has done very well. The property contains 105 acres of good level land, all on the south side of the creek. This farm belonged to one Miller, later to a Herb, afterward to Jacob Rein, from whom George Miller purchased it in 1848, since which time it has remained in the Peifer name. The present set of buildings were constructed by the Peifers, the barn being built by George Peifer in 1855. In 1854 he built a substantial brick house, which was destroyed by lightning July 17, 1902, the present owner rebuilding the same year. Mr. Peifer has taken some part in local public affairs, having served as supervisor and treasurer of his township. On Nov. 5, 1879, he married Mary J. Zartman,







daughter of Abraham Zartman, and they became the parents of eight children: Stella, wife of Elsworth Leader; Amanda, Mrs. H. H. Hoffman; Irwin, who married Ada Deppen; Emma, Mrs. Elias E. Peifer; Agnes, who died aged ten years; Landis, who died aged three years; Daniel, and Calvin. Mr. Peifer and his family are Reformed members of the Little Mahanoy Church. He is a Democrat on political questions.

Elias Peifer, another son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Peifer, was born July 20, 1820, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died March 15, 1905. He was a farmer, living at what is now the home of his son Joseph R. Peifer, and on that property he built the present barn in about 1850 and the house in 1860. This farm, which was formerly the Michael Wagner place, contains forty-eight acres of cleared land. Mr. Peifer was a Democrat, and served some years as township supervisor. He married Molly Raker, who was born July 11, 1819, daughter of Conrad Raker, and died Jan. 13, 1883, and seven children were born to them, two dying in infancy. The others were: Harriet married Henry Dunkelberger; Isaac is a resident of Sunbury; Lucinda married Albert Faswold; Alice married Wash. Zimmerman; Joseph R. is a resident of Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Peifer and his family were Lutherans, holding membership in the church at Little Mahanoy, where they are buried.

EDWARD CLAYBERGER, of Lower Augusta township, has been engaged in farming there since 1906, having returned to the vocation of his early life after many years spent in mining. He was born June 4, 1855, at Aristes (Montana), near Centralia, Pa., son of Adam Clayberger.

Adam Clayberger was born Oct. 8, 1817, in Hamburg, Germany, and was twelve years old when he came to America, landing at Baltimore, Md. He lived with a Myers family, at York, Pa., to which place he had proceeded from Baltimore, and there he married the daughter, Juliann Myers, who came to America with her parents when thirteen years old. Their first child, William, was born at York. Thence the family moved to Bainbridge, Pa., where they lived for some years, next moving to a place called Stewardsville, near Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where Mr. Clayberger found work driving a team. He was engaged on the construction of Bell's tunnel. After driving for several years he moved to Aristes (Montana), near Centralia, where he was engaged in contracting for a year, on the building of a railroad from Centralia to Mount Carmel, and he then bought a farm at Roaring Creek, in Columbia county, where he passed the remainder of his days. By trade he was a butcher, and he followed the business for some years in his later life. His

farm originally consisted of sixty-three acres, to which he added as prosperity enabled him. He died there July 18, 1890, aged seventy-two years, nine months, ten days, and is buried at the United Brethren Church at Rhodestown, Columbia Co., Pa., where his wife is also interred. He was a member of the United Brethren denomination and active in church life. Mrs. Clayberger died July 16, 1883, aged sixty-seven years, eleven months. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayberger: William, a carpenter, who lives at Renovo, Pa.; Charles, of Allentown, Pa.; Samuel, of Shamokin, Pa.; Benjamin, of Lumberton, N. J.; Sarah, Mrs. Benjamin Tyson; Edward; Hannah, who has never married and lives with her brother Charles; and Adam and Isaac, both deceased.

Edward Clayberger was reared on the farm and lived there until he reached the age of twenty-five years. At that time he began working in the coal mines at Shamokin, and for thirty-two years continued at that work, throughout this time making his home in the borough of Shamokin. In June, 1906, he purchased his present farm in Lower Augusta township, consisting of 117 acres, which was the original Shipman homestead and remained in that family for over one hundred years. John Elsworth Shipman was the last of his family to possess it. With the assistance of his son Ralph Mr. Clayberger has made many improvements on the property since it came into his possession, and in the spring of 1910 he built the present barn. He markets his truck and produce at Shamokin, and he has made a decided success of his work in spite of the fact that he had not engaged in farming for so many years. Enterprising and progressive, he has become one of the valuable citizens of his community during his comparatively brief residence there.

On Aug. 23, 1878, Mr. Clayberger married Alice S. Pressler, daughter of Cyrus and Annie S. (Heiser) Pressler, of Snyder county, where Mr. Pressler still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Clayberger have had children as follows: Harry W., now of Oakland, Cal., who is married to Alice Garbet; John F., of Philadelphia, who married Marie Straley; Florence M., who married Francis M. Ney and lives in Shamokin, Pa.; Ralph H.; Howard G.; Maud R.; Edward D.; Chester E., and Cyrus F. Mr. Clayberger and his family attend the United Brethren Church.

RICHARD GLASS, late of Shamokin, was engaged in the hotel business at No. 727 East Commerce street, in that borough, for several years before his death. He was formerly a successful mine contractor, having followed mining for about thirty years. He served as councilman from the Seventh ward and at the time of his death held the office of jury commissioner of Northumberland county.



Mr. Glass was born in 1866 in Coal township, this county, son of Samuel Glass. His father was a native of County Meath, Ireland, born in 1838, and came to America when nineteen years old, settling in Shamokin, Pa., where he made a permanent home. He worked as a miner, in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, being thus engaged for thirty years, and was known to all as an industrious, upright citizen. He died April 4, 1902, and is buried at Shamokin. Samuel Glass married Maria Richards, a native of Wales, who came to America in girlhood. She now makes her home with her grandson, Samuel, in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. Glass were born children as follows: John (deceased), Richard, Samuel, Reese, William, John H. (county detective of Northumberland county) and George.

Richard Glass received all his education in the public schools of Coal township. He was only a boy when he began work, picking slate at the Baumgardner breaker, and in time he became a full-fledged miner and eventually a contractor, employing from six to eight men. In June, 1906, he engaged in the hotel business, to which he gave all his attention, finding the new line both congenial and profitable. In his death, which occurred April 2, 1911, Shamokin lost a valuable and worthy citizen. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Glass had many friends in Shamokin, both in business circles and in public life, and he was a well-known member of the I. O. O. F. (belonging to Lodge No. 664), the F. O. E. (Aerie No. 534) and the Liberty Hose Company. He was an active worker in the local Republican ranks, and in 1906 was elected councilman from the Seventh ward, for a term of four years. In June, 1909, he was elected jury commissioner of the county, winning in the contest by a majority of one over his opponent, J. C. Moore, who formerly held the office.

Mr. Glass married Martha J. McKelvey, daughter of William McKelvey, and they had one son, Samuel. The family are Episcopalians.

SAMUEL GLASS, son of Richard, born in Shamokin Nov. 15, 1888, is a machinist by trade, but since the death of his father has taken the hotel business. He was appointed jury commissioner by Judge C. R. Savidge, to succeed his father. Mr. Glass married Mary Durkin, daughter of Bryan Durkin, and they have one son, Richard.

HARVEY ALBERT TROUTMAN, who has recently removed to Sunbury, was a farmer before taking up his residence there. He was born Nov. 9, 1872, at Seven Points, Northumberland county, son of Isaac Troutman and grandson of John Troutman.

Jacob Troutman, his great-grandfather, the known progenitor of many of the name now resid-

ing in Northumberland county, owned and lived upon a farm in Jordan township, near Uniontown, the property now owned by Phoebe Troutman, one of his granddaughters; the place now comprises eighty acres. He is interred in the Uniontown cemetery, the burial place of many Troutmans. He and his wife Magdalena (Brosius) were the parents of the following children: John; Polly, Mrs. John Leshner; Moses; Mrs. Nathan Brower; Peter; Samuel; and Eve, Mrs. Isaac Wolf.

John Troutman, son of Jacob, was born June 10, 1817, in Jordan township, near Uniontown, and was a lifelong farmer and one of the most prosperous men in his section, of which he was a leading citizen for many years of his long life. Besides his home place of 132 acres he owned six farms: The one now owned by his son George L., another which his son Simon obtained, one given to his daughter Mrs. Jeremiah Peifer, another owned by his son Adam L., another owned by his son Henry, and another by Joel Kreitzer, son of his daughter Mary. Mr. Troutman was active in church work, the founder and leading member of Troutman's United Evangelical Church, so named in his honor. He built the meeting house of that congregation at Uniontown, was always a liberal contributor to the church and one of its pillars to the end of his life. Mr. Troutman served some years as treasurer of his township. He died upon his farm about 1900, and he is buried with his wife in the family plot in Uniontown cemetery.

Mr. Troutman was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Leshner, who was born Dec. 16, 1824. After the death of his first wife he subsequently married her sister, Harriet Leshner. They were daughters of Samuel Leshner, who was from Berks county; Mr. Leshner was a large property owner. Mr. Troutman was the father of a large family, Engeline and Simon by his first wife, and the following by his second: Isaac, Magdalena (who died unmarried), Elmira (wife of Jeremiah Peifer), Henry John, Moses, Mary (wife of Joel Kreitzer), Amos, Adam L., George L., Johannes, Phoebe, one that died in infancy, Cornelius and another that died in infancy.

Isaac Troutman, son of John, was born Sept. 4, 1849, in Jordan township, and was reared on the paternal farm, working for his parents throughout his youth. When about twenty-one years old he began farming for himself in Rockefeller township, at Seven Points, where he located about 1869, from that time for many years living with and working for his father-in-law, Daniel Klinger. Mr. Troutman remained with Mr. Klinger until the latter's death, and he still continues to live on the old place in Rockefeller township. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Cross Road Church, in which he has been active, hav-





ing held the offices of trustee, deacon and elder, in which latter he is still serving. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Troutman married Mary Ann Klinger, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Schadel) Klinger, and they have had children as follows: Lizzie married Theodore McKinney and they live at Gratz, Pa.; Harvey Albert married Edna Long; Elmer F. married Adella Bloom; Lillie married Elmer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; and William died young.

Daniel Klinger, father of Mrs. Troutman, was born Nov. 2, 1824, and died Aug. 21, 1898. He married Caroline Schadel, who was born May 22, 1827, and after their marriage they came to Rockefeller township from the vicinity of Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, settling on the farm where they passed the remainder of their lives. They are buried in that township, at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Mrs. Klinger died Oct. 22, 1907.

Harvey Albert Troutman attended public school at Seven Points, and in his youth assisted his father and maternal grandfather on the home place, where he remained until his marriage, when he was twenty years old. At that time he located upon a farm in Shamokin township belonging to his father, near Seven Points, living there about seventeen years, until his removal to Sunbury, April 1, 1910. Meantime he acquired a farm of his own, a place of seventy-two acres located near Stonington, in Shamokin township, which he rents out. Since settling in Sunbury he has been in the employ of C. H. Brosious & Co., contractors. His home is at No. 133 Catawissa avenue. While a resident of Shamokin township Mr. Troutman served that community as school director. He and his family are members of the Cross Road Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, which Mr. Troutman has served as deacon. He is a Republican in politics.

On Nov. 24, 1892, Mr. Troutman married Edna Long, daughter of Benjamin C. and Rosanna (Kelly) Long, and they have a family of three children: Benjamin E., Arville J. and Clara Edith.

**ANDREW J. SCHWALM**, a farmer in the southern district of Jordan township, Northumberland county, is well known as one of the most successful agriculturists of his region, as a prominent worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party and as an enthusiastic member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. He is a man of substance and good standing, both of which have been won by his own efforts and a life of consistent integrity.

The Schwalm family is an old one in this section, founded here by John Schwalm, one of the Hessian soldiers hired by the British government to fight in the Colonies during the Revolutionary war. He was born May 31, 1752, and came to

America with the other mercenaries in 1775. Remaining in this country after the close of the war, he settled in Hubley (originally Mahantango) township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he took up a large amount of land and devoted himself to farming. He died there Dec. 24, 1834, aged eighty-two years. His wife Odilla (Bobb) was born in Germany Feb. 16, 1765, came to America with her parents, and died Feb. 24, 1836. She and her husband are buried side by side at Coleman's Church, in Dauphin county, near the Schuylkill county line. They were the parents of one son and two daughters: Catharine married Jacob Hoffa and they are buried at Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.; Elizabeth married Alexander Klinger; Frederick was the great-grandfather of Andrew J. Schwalm.

Frederick Schwalm, son of John, was born in Schuylkill county May 17, 1796, and died Jan. 6, 1872. The old homestead in Hubley township became his property and he carried on farming there all his life, putting up the original set of log buildings on that place. He is buried at Coleman's Church. He was three times married, having twelve children by his first wife, Catharine (Stein), daughter of Johannes Stein; no children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Zerfink; and three children by his third wife, Harriet (Deiter), Jackson, Lillie and Elizabeth. The children of the first union were: John; Hannah, who married Samuel Schade; Caroline, who married Israel Klinger; Jacob, who lived in Hubley township, where he was supervisor for more than twenty years; Frederick, who was justice of the peace in Upper Mahantango many years (he served in the Union army during the Civil war); Daniel S., who still survives; Emanuel, who served as postmaster at Hegins, Schuylkill county; Samuel, who was a soldier during the Civil war in Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; William; Peter; Louisa, who married Mr. Fagner (they live in Hoopston, Ill.); and Kate, of South Bend, Ind., who married John D. Willard and for her second husband a Mr. Martin.

John Schwalm, son of Frederick, was born Dec. 25, 1818, in Mahantango township, was a farmer in Hubley township for some years, and was a prominent man in his day in Schuylkill county, serving two years, 1857 and 1858, as steward of the county almshouse. He was also school director for many years. In religious faith he adhered to the Reformed Church and he is buried in the cemetery of the Church of God in Hegins township. He married Elizabeth Shade, who was born March 12, 1827, in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Shade, and is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm were the parents of the following named children: Hannah married John Schmeltz; Edward (deceased) married a Miss Lucus; Lydia married (first) Jesse Heint-



zinger and (second) John Ressler; Kate married John F. Barr; Daniel E. is mentioned below; Polly married Elias Artz; Louisa married Harvey Clauser.

Daniel E. Schwalm, son of John, was born and reared in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, and is still engaged in farming there, having his father's homestead, a fine farm of 120 acres. He built the dwelling-house on the property, but the barn was built by his father in 1847. Mr. Schwalm has been a useful and active citizen of his township, where he has held various offices, having been tax collector for a number of years and also supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics and has been committeeman of his township. His home is on the line of Schuylkill and Dauphin counties and he is a Reformed member of Coleman's Church in the latter county, his wife belonging to the Reformed congregation of that church, to which the family also belong. Mr. Schwalm has served as deacon and elder.

Mr. Schwalm married Fietta Schlegel, daughter of Peter Schlegel (whose wife was a Snyder), and granddaughter of Peter Schlegel, who was born Oct. 12, 1786, came from Berks county, and died Oct. 1, 1864; he is buried at the Herb Church. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm: Andrew J. lives at Klingerstown; Reily died young; Lizzie married J. L. Reitz and is living at Mount Carmel; Charles, who lives at Valley View, married Mattie Stiely; Katie died young; Rufus, who married Flora Adams, is living on the old homestead, at Artz; Harry married Florence Schaffer, and they live at Springville, Schuylkill county.

Andrew J. Schwalm was born Oct. 13, 1871, in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, was reared to farm life, and worked on the home place until eighteen years old. For the next five years he worked in coal mines in Dauphin county, at the Williamstown colliery, in Bear Valley, after which he commenced huckstering, at which he was engaged about five years, attending the Pottsville and Minersville markets. On the evening of Sept. 26, 1899, while returning home from market, Mr. Schwalm was held up by three highwaymen on the Shermans mountain road and relieved of \$140. He was huckster about two years for F. L. Kehres, of Rebuck, Northumberland county, was later at Girardville and Shenandoah, and in the spring of 1901 came to his present place in Jordan township, Northumberland county, settling there March 20th. He has 136 acres of fine land located on the road leading from Klingerstown to Urban, Hebe and Pillow. This farm was formerly the William Shartle homestead and was for many years a hotel stand, "Shartle's Hotel" being well known; Mr. Shartle built the large brick house, which is 40 by 40 feet in dimensions, in 1867.

Mr. Schwalm is a well known citizen of his

section, has been township constable since 1905, and has long been interested in local political activities as an ardent member of the Democratic party. During his residence in Schuylkill county he was delegate to county convention, served as delegate to the county convention of 1906, in 1907 was a delegate to the State convention, and was a delegate to the last convention held in Northumberland county.

Mr. Schwalm holds membership in Lodge No. 637, I. O. O. F., at Klingerstown, was representative to the meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Reading in May, 1907, and again served in that capacity in 1908, when the grand lodge convened at Philadelphia. He and his family are members of the Himmel Church at Rebuck, Mr. Schwalm belonging to the Lutheran congregation, his wife to the Reformed congregation. He served as deacon of the Coleman Church.

On July 16, 1898, Mr. Schwalm married Rosa Kehres, daughter of N. E. and Catharine (Hoffman) Kehres, of Rebuck, and four children have been born to this union: Katie A., born Aug. 25, 1899, in Washington township; Florence May, born Sept. 2, 1901, in Washington township; Lizzie F., born April 4, 1903, in Jordan township; and Nathan D., born July 16, 1906, in Jordan.

On July 30, 1910, the first reunion of the Schwalm family was held at Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and it was a great success, about five hundred attending. Mr. Andrew J. Schwalm, who was present with his family, was elected one of the historians of the association. The second gathering was held the second Saturday in August, 1911, at Valley View Park.

Andrew J. Swalm, who lives at Sunbury, this county, was born Sept. 22, 1850, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., son of Joseph M. Swalm and grandson of Andrew Swalm.

Joseph M. Swalm was born at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died at Philadelphia at the age of seventy-three years. For about twenty years he was engaged in business as a retail grocer in Philadelphia. In earlier life he was a wheelwright and carriage builder and lived in Schuylkill county. He was buried at Orwigsburg. In religion he was a Methodist. His wife, Angeline (Allebach), daughter of Jacob Allebach, of Middleport, Schuylkill county, still lives in Philadelphia, now (1910) eighty-four years old. They had children as follows: One son that died in infancy; Andrew J.; Charles, of Philadelphia; Hannah, who married M. Plish and lives at Holley, N. Y.; Sallie, who died in Wyoming, wife of Robert Harper; Mary, married to Thomas J. Address, and living in Philadelphia; Ella, who died aged thirty years; and Mabel, who died aged twenty-five years.

Andrew J. Swalm was educated in the public







schools of his native town. When twelve years old he began clerking in the store and has ever since been in the grocery business. He was in business at Hazleton, Pa., for fifteen years. In 1887 he first associated himself with the Hooven Mercantile Company (which has stores in nine cities of eastern Pennsylvania), at Hazleton, remaining there about two years in that association. He then left them for three years, and since 1892 has been their manager at Sunbury, Pa., where they have a large wholesale trade. He has supervision of ten people. Mr. Swalm is owner and manager of the Sunbury Peanut Company, which does an extensive business in this part of the State, the peanut butter manufactured by this concern being known for its rich quality. Mr. Swalm is a member of the Methodist Church of Sunbury, of which he has been a trustee for a number of years. He was married Sept. 16, 1876, to Martha A. Garrett, daughter of William and Mary Garrett, of Pottsville. She died April 1, 1906, aged fifty-three years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Swalm were born these children: Gertrude L., who is now engaged as a stenographer and resides at home; Florence M., a public school teacher, who has taught ten terms in the public schools of Sunbury; and Marriion K., wife of E. K. Burlew, a government employee, residing at Washington, D. C. Mr. Swalm resides at No. 1113 Market street, Sunbury.

LANDIS FRY, of Sunbury, was the pioneer in the bakery business at that place, and is still engaged in that line, being now the oldest dealer in bakery goods there. He also conducts a grocery and notion store, and for over thirty years has been one of the thriving merchants of the borough, one who has taken his part in the public administration and done his duty in every capacity. He was born in Sunbury Sept. 11, 1843, and has passed all his life there.

The Fry family came to Northumberland county from Berks county, this State, Jacob Fry, the grandfather of Landis Fry, hailing from the vicinity of Womelsdorf, where he was born about 1785. He came to Northumberland county before his marriage, and owned a farm on the Shamokin road, in Upper Augusta township, his old homestead being now the property of Lot Bartholomew. His grandson Landis Fry has a set of horns taken from a deer Jacob Fry shot on this farm. He was a carpenter as well as farmer. His death, which occurred in 1856, when he was about seventy years old, was the result of an accident: he was in a boat which went over the breast of the Shamokin dam and he struck his head on a rock. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the old Sunbury cemetery. Jacob Fry married a Miss Camp, who was also from the vicinity of

Womelsdorf, in Berks county, and who died about 1847. They had children as follows: John, Jonas, Jacob, Henry, Mrs. Samuel Savage and Mrs. Silas Wolverton.

Jacob Fry, son of Jacob, was born in 1817 in Northumberland county and was a farmer by occupation. In 1854 he moved to the borough of Sunbury, settling along the Susquehanna river, where in those days considerable fishing was done, the sport being then at its best in this region. He served as tax collector of Upper Augusta township. Mr. Fry died in 1859, below Shamokin Dam, at the age of forty-two years. He married Louisa Bowen, daughter of Jonathan and Catharine (Ermentrout) Bowen, who came from near Womelsdorf, Berks county, and they had the following family: Samuel, who died in childhood; William, who entered the Union service in the Civil war and died of starvation in the spring of 1865 at Salisbury, S. C., where he was a prisoner; David, who died in 1894; Landis; Harriet, who married Daniel Ulman and lived out West (both are deceased); Mary C., born in 1852, who died in 1866.

Landis Fry attended school in Sunbury. In 1865 he began driving a bakery wagon, and in 1874 entered into partnership with his brother David in the bakery business, this association lasting four and a half years, since when Landis Fry has done business on his own account. He put up his present store building in 1879, and has the oldest bakery in the borough, as well as a well established grocery and notion business. He has three employees. Mr. Fry has gained and retained the patronage of a large number of his neighbors and fellow citizens by honest dealing, satisfactory goods and upright business methods, and he deserves the substantial rewards which have been his portion. He has the confidence of all who know him, as was shown by his election as member of the town council, in which he served three years, during which time he was instrumental in having Market street paved. He is a Republican in political affiliation.

In 1866 Mr. Fry married Anna Statia Hayes, daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Harmon) Hayes, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, and they have had a family of eight children: William J., who lives in Sunbury; Edward, deceased; Joseph, at home; Howard, of Sunbury; Landis, of Sunbury; Chester, a baker, who lives at home; Walter H., who assists his father; and Morris, deceased. Walter H. Fry, who was born in Sunbury March 16, 1879, is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

SAMUEL BRADY (deceased) passed his latter years in retirement at Shamokin, where his widow now makes her home. He was a lifelong resident of Northumberland county, and followed farming



near Elysburg, in Ralpho township, the principal part of his active life.

Mr. Brady was born near Elysburg in 1847, son of Abraham Brady, who was a farmer and well known citizen of that locality. He died upon his farm in 1889. His children were: Katie, wife of George Leibig; Clara, Mrs. Yoder; Josephine, living at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Frain, living at Tharptown, Pa.; Samuel, deceased; Oliver, living near Elysburg; and George, of Tharptown.

Samuel Brady attended the public schools, but he was a mere boy when he began work at the breaker. Later he followed railroading for several years. He began farming in Ralpho township, continuing that occupation throughout his active years, but always had his residence in Shamokin. By thrift and industry he made a success of his work, in which he acquired a competence. Some time before his death he lived in retirement, dying at Shamokin June 8, 1907. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shamokin. Mr. Brady was a Lutheran in religious connection, and a man who deserved the respect in which he was held by all who knew him.

On Aug. 15, 1874, Mr. Brady married Sarah Lints, daughter of Daniel Lints, of Northumberland county, and she still resides at their Shamokin home. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brady: Samuel, who is employed as a fireman at the Henry Clay colliery, married Miranda Dilla-plain, and they have had six children, Jennie, Eva, Beatrice, Bertha, Gladys and Florence; Oliver died in infancy; Minnie died aged two years; Jennie is the wife of Irvin Kissler, of Shamokin, in Northumberland county, and they have one child, Mildred.

**LEMUEL C. ROCKEFELLER** was born Nov. 8, 1848, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller. His boyhood was spent upon his father's farm and his first venture for himself was in the bottling business at Sunbury, Pa., where he remained for some time. He removed in 1890 to Gallitzin, twelve miles west of Altoona, Pa., where he engaged in the wholesale liquor business. He remained there about twelve years and was most successful in this undertaking. While located there, in May, 1901, he was elected justice of the peace of the borough of Gallitzin, on the Republican ticket, in spite of the fact that the town was strongly Democratic. He later moved to Wilmerding, near Pittsburgh, Pa., where he engaged in the wholesale liquor trade, also the electric light business and ice manufacturing, following this business for eight years. In 1909 he moved to Sunbury, and started the erection of a home at the corner of Amy and Front streets, but his death, Oct. 18, 1909, occurred before it was completed. He was an able and honorable business man, and was successful in all his enterprises. He was an

active member of the board of trade while residing at Wilmerding.

On Dec. 22, 1886, Mr. Rockefeller married Harriet R., daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Gibson) McCloy, of Sunbury, Pa. They had three children: Catherine, who graduated from the Bingham School for Girls, in the class of 1907; Mary E., who graduated from the same school in 1910; and Margaret M., who graduated from the same in 1911. Mrs. Rockefeller and her daughters are members of the Episcopal Church of Sunbury. Mr. Rockefeller was a staunch Republican. Externally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Order of Moose.

Mrs. Rockefeller is descended from Cornelius McCloy, who came to America before the Revolutionary war and settled in Northumberland County, Pa., in the district now embraced in Ralpho township, near Elysburg. He died March 20, 1812, and he and his wife Elizabeth (Brower) are buried at the Quaker cemetery in Ralpho township. Cornelius McCloy was Scotch-Irish.

Among the children of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Brower) McCloy was Joseph McCloy, Mrs. Rockefeller's great-grandfather, who was born Feb. 6, 1789, and died March 21, 1828. He followed farming near Elysburg. His wife, Mary (Campbell), long survived him, dying Dec. 28, 1865, and they were the parents of eight children: John, Benjamin, William, Daniel, Sarah, Margaret, Jessie and Levi.

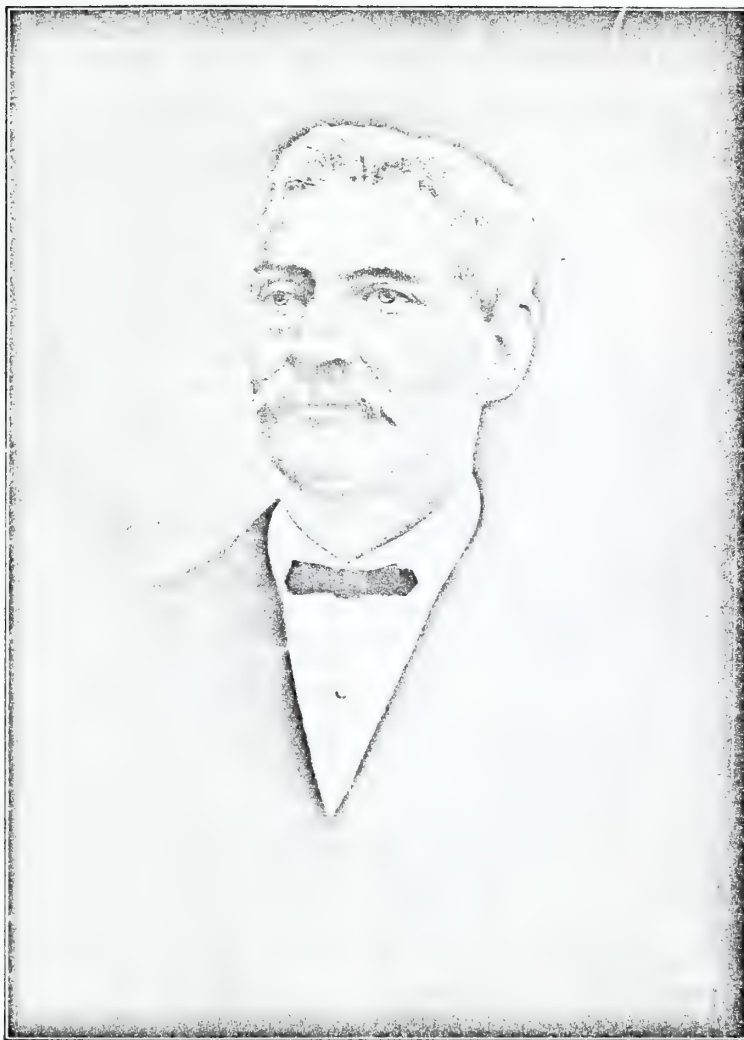
Benjamin McCloy, son of Joseph, was born June 25, 1812, near Elysburg, and was brought up in that vicinity. He was a carpenter by trade. Going to Shamokin in 1835 when the borough was in its infancy, he followed his trade there for a year, later running a sawmill near that place, on Coal run. In the spring of 1838 he built the fourth house in Shamokin, at what is now the corner of Pearl and Commerce streets, bringing his family hither in June of that year. He died Dec. 22, 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Mr. McCloy married Rebecca Taylor, daughter of Daniel Taylor, of Shamokin township, and they became the parents of six children: Oliver, the father of Mrs. Lemuel C. Rockefeller, now living at Frederick, Md.; David, who died in Shamokin; Harriet, Mrs. John Lake, of Shamokin; Joseph, of Shamokin; Robert, of Shamokin; and Adelia, Mrs. John Cooney.

**DRUMM.** There are many representatives of the Drumm family in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, the posterity of Charles and Christiana Drumm, whose three surviving sons are all interested in farming in that section. A number of the family have been successful school teachers, notably John Drumm, one of the three brothers mentioned, who has taught there since 1880.









*L. B. Rockefeller*



Charles Drumm was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and from the age of eleven years lived with the family of the late Dr. Peter Tryon, in Washington township, Northumberland county, remaining with them until some years after his marriage. He then moved to Uniontown, where he followed his trade of shoemaker for some years, after which he removed across the Mahantango mountains into Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he lived until he entered the army during the Civil war. He served nine months, in Company I, 177th Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, and in 1866 he returned to Northumberland county, settling at Mile Run, in Lower Augusta township, where he occupied the property now owned by his son Jacob, remaining there until eight years before his death. He then purchased a house and lot at Asherton, this county, where he died April 25, 1897, aged seventy-three years, two months, seventeen days. After the war he devoted all his time and energies to farming. He was an esteemed citizen of the locality, and active in the life of the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church, in Lower Augusta township, which he served for many years in the capacity of deacon, and also held the office of elder. He married Christiana Beck, daughter of John Beck, a substantial citizen of Dauphin county, who also owned property in Uniontown; his wife was from Northampton county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drumm are buried at the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church. She died Nov. 27, 1906, aged eighty-one years, four days. They were the parents of the following named children: Henry is mentioned below; a daughter, twin of Henry, died in infancy; Mary married Levi Conrad and (second) David Conrad, half-brothers; a son, twin of Mary, died in infancy; Charles died June 9, 1910, aged fifty-six years, nine months, one day (he was a blacksmith in Augustaville and had a farm in Plum Creek); Louise married Emanuel Fox and (second) Jacob Knouse, of Kratzerville; John is mentioned below; Jacob E. is mentioned below; Annie married Charles Bucher and they live in Sunbury.

Through his mother, who was a Diehl, Charles Drumm was related to that early Pennsylvania family of the Mennonite faith, identified with Lehigh and Berks counties from Colonial days. In Northumberland county they lived south of Line Mountain.

HENRY DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, was born June 8, 1848, in Washington township, Northumberland county. When nineteen years old he commenced to learn shoemaking with Isaac Clements, at Bull Run, this county, but after completing his trade he took to railroad work, being car inspector at Sunbury for the Northern Central Railroad Company for three years. In the spring of 1870 he commenced farming, which he followed the rest of his life, having

a tract of thirty-eight acres in Lower Augusta township. It was formerly the homestead of Henry Conrad, who took up the land by warrant from the Commonwealth, and it later came into the possession of his son Peter, from whom Henry Drumm, his son-in-law, acquired it. The latter, however, owned only part of the original Conrad tract. He bought this place in 1868. On Oct. 6, 1868, Mr. Drumm married Matilda Conrad, daughter of Peter Conrad, and to them were born five children: Sarah died in infancy; William Harvey is a resident of Sunbury; Henry C. is mentioned below; Katie E. married Edgar D. Wagner, of Sunbury; Tillie married Grant Witmyre and they live at Herndon. Mr. Drumm died Feb. 14, 1911, and is buried at St. Elias Lutheran Church, Hollowing Run. He was a Lutheran, and his family also adhere to that faith. He was a Republican in politics.

HENRY C. DRUMM, son of Henry Drumm, was born Sept. 27, 1872, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared there, and obtained his primary education in the local common schools, later attending Berrysburg Academy; Prof. R. D. Renn's summer normal school, at Patricksburg; the high school at Middleburg; and the State normal school at Bloomsburg. When only seventeen years old he was licensed to teach, and during his first and second terms was engaged in Washington township. For six terms he taught in his native township, completing eight years of successful work as an educator. For the next two years he was employed as clerk and bookkeeper in the warp department of the Susquehanna Silk Mill, being obliged to relinquish the position just a few days before the completion of the second year because of failing health. His next work was as traveling salesman for C. C. Seebold, dealer in musical instruments, his territory being in central Pennsylvania, for one full year having charge of thirteen counties of the State. Besides selling instruments he did collecting and helped to look after all the office work of the concern. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Drumm came to his present home, one mile east of Asherton, where he has forty-five acres of fertile land which was formerly part of the Henry Conrad and Jacob Renn properties. It is nicely and advantageously located, and Mr. Drumm has made the most of its possibilities in its development. He is particularly interested in the growing of choice fruits, in which line he has gained a high reputation by his success. His present set of buildings are among the improvements he has made on his property, he having erected the house in 1896 and the barn in 1900. He is an enterprising, intelligent, wide-awake citizen, and has been called upon to use his ability in the public service as well as in his private affairs, having been tax collector of his district since





1902 and being also township treasurer under the new road law. In 1909 he took an active part in the organization of the Asherton and Augusta-ville Telephone Company, of which he has been an officer from the beginning, and he is serving the company as secretary at present. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are Lutherans, members of St. Elias Church in Hollowing Run, of which he has been deacon and trustee, holding office for six years. He has been particularly active in Sunday school work in his community, having served as superintendent or teacher for the past fifteen years. In 1910 he was elected secretary for the district Sunday school convention.

On March 25, 1894, Mr. Drumm married Rebecca Geise, daughter of Daniel and Froena (Trautman) Geise, of Jordan township, and they have one daughter, Grace E., who has completed the course in the graded schools of Lower Augusta township.

JOHN DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, is one of the oldest school teachers, in point of length of service, in Northumberland county. He was born Feb. 24, 1860, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, where he lived until six years old. His parents then returned to Northumberland county, settling in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared on the farm and obtained his early training in the common schools. Later he attended the summer normal school held by Prof. Saul Shipman, at Augusta-ville, for several terms, and another summer normal, at Elysburg, conducted by Prof. W. W. Wolverton and his wife Chidistor and a Professor Boyer, where he was likewise a student for several terms; he also studied at the normal school at Milton, conducted by Prof. W. W. Wolverton and a Professor Geho, and has taken several courses by mail. He has a State teacher's permanent certificate, granted by State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer in 1899. Mr. Drumm began teaching in the fall of 1880 in Lower Augusta township, where he has been engaged for seventeen years in all; he was at one school in Upper Augusta for five years, and for seven years in Rockefeller township. His long continuance in the profession, and his long service in each of the localities named, would be sufficient evidence of his ability and of the confidence he has inspired in his methods and results. Thoroughly prepared for his work, progressive, conscientious, and having the true love for teaching which is one of the best elements in a born educator's make-up, he has followed his profession with an earnestness which would insure success in any line. As a farmer he is well known in his community, owning and cultivating a large tract of 190 acres situated four miles south of Sunbury, what was formerly the homestead of Henry Shippe, in whose

family it had been owned for several generations. The present house and barn thereon were built by the Shippes.

Mr. Drumm served ten years as justice of the peace, refusing a renomination in the spring of 1910. He is prominent and well known in the councils of the Republican party, in which he has been an efficient worker for many years, and has traveled all over the county in its interest, his services being highly valued.

In 1883 Mr. Drumm married Lydia Trego, who died April 13, 1896, aged thirty-two years, two months, fourteen days. Five children were born to this union, as follows: William, Josephine, Mary Alice, George and Daniel E. Mr. Drumm and his family worship at the Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon. For two years he was president of the Luther League, and he has also served as secretary of the church council.

JACOB E. DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, was born July 1, 1865, on the farm at Mile Run, in Lower Augusta township, where he now lives. There he grew to manhood, meantime receiving a practical training to farm life as well as a good foundation for his education in the local public schools. Later he attended the State normal school at Bloomsburg, where he perfected himself in the elementary branches, and at the age of twenty-two he was licensed to teach, entering the profession in which so many of his family have won success and reputation. In the fall of 1887 he began his first term, in Washington township, and with the exception of one term, 1900-01, he has been engaged in teaching continuously since, being now ranked among the veteran teachers of the county, in point of service. By hard work and unselfish devotion to his profession he has gained and maintained high standing, as the demand for his services indicates, and he deserves the enviable reputation he enjoys. Since 1900 Mr. Drumm has been sole owner of the homestead, which he had previously owned in partnership with his brother John. Before his father acquired it it belonged to Joseph Trego. It contains seventy-five acres of excellent land, well cultivated and improved, though Mr. Drumm had a severe setback in October, 1894, when his barn, containing the full year's crops, three horses and three head of cattle, was totally destroyed by fire. It was only partially covered by insurance. Mr. Drumm is a substantial and valuable citizen, though he has not been active in the public affairs of his locality directly. In political matters he is independent.

On Aug. 7, 1895, Mr. Drumm married Alice Gertrude Culp, daughter of Peter F. and Anna (Heilman) Culp, of Rockefeller township, and granddaughter of Daniel Heilman, of Lower Augusta. Mrs. Drumm has been well educated, and though she has never taught school received a



license when nineteen years old; she obtained three certificates. An accomplished musician, she has played the organ for church and Sunday school since she was fifteen years old, and since 1904 has been organist for the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church; she also plays for the United Brethren Sunday school, and gives lessons on the organ. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Drumm, namely: Edna, Dora (who has completed the course in the graded schools of Lower Augusta township), Clyde, Arthur (who died when two and a half years old), a daughter that died in infancy, Franklin and Elizabeth. Mr. Drumm and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Hollowing Run.

GEORGE F. WISE has been engaged in tailoring in the borough of Sunbury since 1872, and he is one of the substantial and respected residents of that place. Mr. Wise was born April 28, 1855, in Juniata county, Pa., son of William Wise, who was also a tailor by occupation, and was but a youth when he came to Sunbury, in 1872. Here he has since made his home, and his industrious life and upright character have gained him the esteem of all who know him. He is at present serving as a member of the school board of Sunbury.

On Oct. 2, 1879, Mr. Wise was married to Mary A. Weiser, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Potts) Weiser, and a direct descendant of Conrad Weiser, the famous pioneer and Indian interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Wise have had the following named children: William J., Sarah L., Rachel L. and Ida Leah (twins) and Myrtle S. The son, who has taken up his father's calling, married Adda Heffner, and they live in Sunbury; they have two children, Charles J. and William M. Rachel L. and Ida Leah Wise, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wise, are singers of considerable local reputation, and they sang at the exercises in connection with the unveiling of the monument at Fort Augusta, Sunbury, in 1907. As they were direct descendants of Conrad Weiser, the principal figure in the erection of this historic old fort, in 1756, their participation in the ceremonies was particularly appropriate. The Wise family are Lutherans in religious connection.

WILLARD D. LEIBY, proprietor of Leiby's Rest, which is situated near the Pennsylvania railroad station in Sunbury, has been a resident of the borough since 1898 and established himself in business at his present location in 1904. He is a native of Union county, Pa., born Dec. 6, 1878, son of William A. Leiby.

The Leiby family is of good old Berks county stock and of Swiss origin. Early in the eighteenth century the progenitors of the family in America left their native country, Switzerland, to go to

South America, but people along the Rhine river, to which place they came in their journey, advised the wife not to go there. One night, while they were at the Rhine, she entreated her husband so earnestly not to go, because people had told her they would forever be sorry, that he abandoned the trip, and so they remained for twenty years in the Rhine country, in Germany. In 1733 they came to America on the good ship "Samuel," qualifying at Philadelphia Aug. 17, 1733. Rupp in his 30,000 names of immigrants gives the pioneer's name as Friederich Leiby, and the second series of Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, also gives the name Frederick Leiby; but the tax list of Greenwich township (Berks Co., Pa.) for 1754, published in Rupp's history of the county, gives the name as "Dietrich" Leiby, which probably was an error. The names Friederich and Dietrich might sound nearly alike to the untrained ear. Rupp in his 30,000 names records the following: Palatines imported in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, males, eighty-nine above sixteen; females, eighty-six; males under sixteen, fifty-four; females, sixty-two; in all 291.

It appears that Frederick Leiby died about 1754, as the tax list has this item: "Frederick Leiby's Widow," and also the names of their children: George Michael Leiby and Jacob Leiby. The latter was assessed six pounds tax, and his younger brother and widowed mother each five pounds in 1754. The descendants of Frederick Leiby are quite numerous and are scattered all over Pennsylvania as well as in other States. In central Pennsylvania are settled several branches of this family. The pioneers are buried at Dunkel's church, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and were members of the German Reformed congregation. Willard D. Leiby is a grandson of David Leiby, both of whose grandfathers served as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The paternal grandparents of David Leiby lived in Albany township, Berks county, where their son John J. Leiby, father of David, was born and reared. On April 1, 1800, John J. Leiby was married there to Christiana Neifert, a native of the same township, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Stummin) Neifert. In 1811 Mr. and Mrs. Leiby moved to Union county, Pa., settling in Limestone (then Union) township. He was drafted during the war of 1812, but furnished a substitute. By occupation he was a dyer. A man of strong and decided character, he acquired great influence in the community, was chosen to various local offices, and was also prominent in religious circles, for twenty-five years serving as elder in the Reformed Church. In early life he was a Democrat, later joining the anti-Mason faction and eventually becoming a Whig. He died March 22, 1856, aged eighty-one years, nine months, and his wife died







July 8, 1852, in her seventy-eighth year. They were the parents of six children: George, born Nov. 11, 1802, died in 1872 in Union county; John, born Jan. 4, 1805, died in Mifflinburg in 1872, eleven weeks from the time of his brother's death; Mary, born Jan. 12, 1809, married John Benner, and died in Buffalo township, Union county, in 1865; Jacob, born May 16, 1812, died in Limestone township, Union county, at the age of seventy-one; Catharine, born Dec. 5, 1814, married John Norman, and died in Snyder county, Pa., at the age of seventy-three; David was the youngest of the family.

David Leiby was born Jan. 14, 1819, in Union county, and there spent his entire life. At the time of his birth his parents were residing in Union (now Limestone) township, and there he lived until 1857, when he settled at the home in Kelly township, near Lewisburg, where he passed the remainder of his life, living to a venerable age. He was the last survivor of his parents' family. Mr. Leiby's fine farm was first settled in 1769, by William Patterson, and he purchased it from Thomas Comley. Mr. Leiby was considered a good manager, and was one of the best farmers in his section, and he was also one of the useful citizens of his day, serving as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. He took a prominent part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, in religious faith was a Lutheran, and for many years of his active life held office as deacon and elder in the church.

On Feb. 15, 1844, Mr. Leiby married Elizabeth Moyer, who was born in 1820 in East Buffalo township, Union county, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Gemberling) Moyer. Her father was born in Union county, where he became an extensive farmer and landowner and a prominent citizen; her mother was a native of Snyder county; both died in Union county. Mrs. Leiby died Aug. 29, 1892, the mother of six children, namely: William A., born Jan. 5, 1845, conducted a grocery and meat market at Lewisburg, Union county, and later had a restaurant at Sunbury, Northumberland county; Sarah J., born March 30, 1846, married George Noll, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Margaret Matilda, born Dec. 29, 1850, made her home with her father, for whom she cared faithfully in his declining years; Harriet C., born July 4, 1853, married Charles A. Moll; John F., born Sept. 14, 1857, died March 21, 1858; Mary C., born March 15, 1860, died March 16, 1861.

William A. Leiby was born in Limestone township, Union Co., Pa., Jan. 5, 1845, and received a public school education. He followed farming and the cattle business in Union county, and coming to Sunbury in 1898 engaged in the restaurant business, where the "Aldine Hotel" now stands, for five and a half years. He still resides in Sun-

bury. He married Otillia Pollender, daughter of Frederick Pollender, and she died Dec. 11, 1909. They had four children, Maynard, Willard D., Sarah (married Harry Shuck) and Jennie May (married John M. Steffen).

Willard D. Leiby received his education in the public schools of Lewisburg, attending the high school, from which he was graduated in 1896. He assisted his father in his butcher business there, and coming to Sunbury in 1898 was associated with his father in the conduct of a restaurant at the present location of the "Aldine Hotel." In 1904 he established his present place of business at No. 42 North Third street, near the Pennsylvania railroad station. It has become one of the leading restaurants of the borough, being conducted along strictly modern lines, and Mr. Leiby has gained a profitable patronage. He is obliging and accommodating, and has been successful because of his efforts to please his customers, who are steadily increasing in numbers.

Socially Mr. Leiby holds membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury; the Order of Moose at Sunbury; Aerie No. 503, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Sunbury; the Order of Owls, Home Nest, Indiana; B. P. O. of Beavers, and No. 7 Fire Company. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in political matters a Democrat.

Jacob Leiby, grandson of the ancestor Friedrich, was a farmer near Dunkel's church and owned the farm now the property of Wilson Heffner. This was one of the original Leiby homesteads. His wife was Margaretha Dunkel, and they had issue: Daniel settled in Schuylkill county; Jacob settled in Windsor (now Perry) township, Berks county; George had a grandson Oscar J., who died in 1907, at Reading; Benjamin settled in Ohio; Catharine married George Heinly; Polly married Heinrich Moyer; Peggy married John Kohler; Luzena married Isaac Wagonhorst; Hettie married Adam Bachman; Salome married Heinrich Lenhart.

Jacob Leiby, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1798, in Windsor township, Berks county, and died April 5, 1884. He was a popular man in his day, and being possessed to a high degree of psychical powers, was known to relieve many ailments of the flesh by the laying on of the hands, for which he gained wide repute. He was known in the Pennsylvania German as "der ward ful-bräucher und Heckoa Doctor." He was regarded as a useful man in his community. In 1825 he bought the homestead farm, on which he built the present stone house in 1829. Isaac U. Leiby was the first person born therein, his birth occurring Aug. 14, 1830. Jacob Leiby also built four houses in Reading, Pa. He was a blacksmith, stonemason and stone dresser and farmer, an all-around good mechanic. He played the flute in



Capt. George Heinly's company of the old State militia, and always attracted marked attention on battalion days. In 1833 he witnessed the "falling of the stars," about which heavenly phenomena he often talked to his descendants, speaking of it as the "snowing of fire from heaven." He was a member of St. Peter's German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for many years. Jacob and Hannah (Ulrich), his wife, had eleven children, viz.: Hettie married Benjamin Banks; Jacob married Ann Miller; Ephraim married Polly Strasser; John married Harriet Wagonhorst; Hannah married Ephraim Miller; Isaac U. married Elizabeth Mengel; Joseph married Matilda Fraunfelder; Henry married Sophia Berg; Helena married Jacob Miller; Lucy Anna Margaret married Frank Goldstein; Joshua died young.

Isaac U. Leiby, son of Jacob, was born Aug. 14, 1830, in Windsor township, on the farm where he spent all his life. He lived three fourths of a mile north of Virginville, in Berks county, and was the proprietor and owner of "Leiby's flagstone quarry." A stone-mason by trade, he followed that occupation for some years at different places. He sold his flagstone in Philadelphia and in Schuylkill and Carbon counties, Pa., many being used for curbstones in the cities and towns. Mr. Leiby died of apoplexy at his home Nov. 13, 1910, at the age of eighty years, and was buried at Dunkel's church. He was a member of the Reformed congregation at that church, to which his family also belong, and was a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 7, 1855, Mr. Leiby married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Catharine (Gruber) Mengel, of Windsor township, who survives him. They had a large family, namely: Catharine Ann married Mahlon Miller, of Pottstown; Hannah married James Baer, of Reading; Samuel married Priscilla Adam; Mary Ann married Alfred Stertzler; Hettie Ann married Jacob D. Dreibels, of Virginville; Susanna married Thomas G. Gruber, of Pottstown; Elizabeth died in infancy; Emma died in infancy; Jacob, who lives at home, married Amelia Schappell; Sarah died in childhood; Thomas died in childhood; Milton married Mary Wagaman and they live in Tipton; Sarah E. married Horace Smith, of Reading.

**CAPT. JOHN BRADY**, one of the most distinguished of the early settlers of the West Branch Valley, was the second son of Hugh Brady and Hannah Brady, and was born in 1733 near Newark, Del., where he received a good education and taught school. He came with his parents to Pennsylvania, and soon won the love of Mary Quigley. At twenty-two, the age of his marriage, he was six feet in height, well formed, with black hair, hazel eyes and a dark complexion. Fearless,

impulsive and generous, he was one whom friends loved and enemies hated. Soon after his marriage the breaking out of the French and Indian war caused him to enlist in the service and defend his country from the merciless invaders. On July 19, 1763, he was commissioned captain, 2d Battalion of the Pennsylvania regiments, commanded by Gov. John Penn and Lieut. Cols. Asher Clayton and Tobias Frances. In 1764 he received his commission of captain in the 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, in Colonel Bouquet's expedition west of the Ohio, in which campaign he participated, and he took part in the land grant to the officers in that service during the year 1766. He was actively engaged against the Indians who made desperate slaughter in Bedford and Cumberland counties, and killed many of the settlers. When his regiment reached Bedford, the officers drew a written agreement, wherein they asked the proprietaries for sufficient land on which to erect a compact and defensible town, and give each a commodious plantation on which to build a dwelling. Capt. John Brady was one of the officers who signed this petition. In 1768, "urged by the restless, mysterious impulse that moulds the destiny of the pioneer of civilization," he removed his family to Standing Stone, now Huntingdon, Pa. The following year he again changed his location to a site opposite the present town of Lewisburg, Pa. At that period titles to uncultivated lands could be secured by erecting a house, and by cutting a few trees by way of improvement. In this manner he took up a vast tract of land on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, and had he lived longer he would have been one of the wealthiest men in the State. Owing to the carelessness of those connected with the management of his affairs, his family was deprived of much benefit from his exertions.

In 1776 he took his wife and children and belongings to Muncy manor, where he built a semi-fortified log house, known later as "Brady's Fort." It was a private affair and was not classed among the provincial fortifications. The spot on which it stood is in the borough of Muncy and a slight elevation in a field is pointed to as the exact plot of ground. After Northumberland county was formed, Capt. John Brady was appointed foreman of the first grand jury, and served in many such capacities afterwards.

Not slow to respond to the call to arms in defense of home and the independence of the nation, he marched to the front in some of the bloodiest engagements of the war of the Revolution. He fought with Washington at Brandywine, where his two sons, Samuel and John, were with him, and he was wounded in the mouth. The loss of some teeth was the result, but he was disabled by an attack of pleurisy and sent home.

In 1775 Colonel Plunkett made his famous ex-







pedition to the Wyoming Valley, and John Brady was one of his ablest assistants. The Connecticut settlers claimed under their charter the territory of the Province of Pennsylvania as far south as the 41st degree of latitude, which ran a mile north of Lewisburg, and determined to enforce their rights. In 1772 a party of them reached the present town of Milton, but were driven back by Colonel Plunkett. The settlers were not subdued and the contest was waged many years. They advanced to the Muncy Valley and made a settlement where the town was later located. In order to punish the intruders for their presumption in occupying this part of the West Branch region, blood was shed and lives were lost.

John Brady was a surveyor of land in Cumberland, Buffalo and White Deer Valleys, and in the possession of his descendant, Mrs. Charles Gustav Ernst, nee Mollie Brady Cooper, of Punxsutawney, Pa., is a surveyor's guide book, entitled "Tables of Difference of Latitude and Departure," for navigators, land surveyors, etc., "compiled at the instance of a committee of the Dublin Society, by John Hood, Land Surveyor. Published in Dublin in 1772." She has also an account book which has on the inside of the leather cover the words, printed in ink, "John Brady, his book, Cumberland County, 1765."

On March 3, 1776, he was commissioned major of the battalion commanded by Colonel Plunkett, and on Oct. 14, 1776, captain in the 12th regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, commanded by Col. William Cooke, whose two daughters became wives of two of Capt. John Brady's sons. In 1778, on the invasion of the Wyoming Valley, he went with his family to Sunbury, and Sept. 1, 1778, returned to the army. In the spring of 1779 he received orders to join Colonel Hartley on the West Branch, and on the 11th of April, 1779, was killed by a concealed body of Indians. He had taken an active part in efforts to subdue their atrocities, and his daring and repeated endeavors intensified their hatred and desire to capture him, resulting fatally on that springtime morning. With a guard and wagon he went up the river to Wallis' to procure supplies. His family was living at the "Fort" at Muncy during the winter and early spring, and from his home to the provision house was only a few hours' ride. On their return trip, about three miles from Fort Brady, at Wolf Run, they stopped to wait for the wagon, which was coming another way. Peter Smith, whose family was massacred on the 10th of June, and on whose farm young James Brady was mortally wounded, was by his side. Capt. John Brady said: "This would be a good place for Indians to hide." Smith replied in the affirmative, when the report of three rifles was heard, and the Captain fell without uttering a sound. He was shot with two balls between the shoulders. Smith mounted the

horse of his commander and escaped to the woods unharmed, and on to the settlement. It was not known what Indians did the shooting, but proof was evident that a party had followed him with intent to kill. In their haste, they did not scalp him, nor take his money, a gold watch, and his commission, which he wore in a bag suspended from his neck, his dearest earthly possession. Thus perished one of the most skilled and daring Indian fighters, as well as one of the most esteemed and respected of men, on whose sterling qualities and sound judgment the pioneers of the entire settlement depended.

Carried to his home at Fort Brady, which he built, and is now within the borough limits of Muncy, his heroic little wife looked the second time upon the blood-stained form of one of her family, her son James having met the same fate on the 8th of August of the preceding year.

Laid to rest on the hillside, where few interments had been made, his grave was well nigh forgotten, and weeds and briars hid the lonely mound of earth, until the spot was identified through the efforts of a granddaughter of Capt. John Brady, Mrs. Backus, wife of Gen. Electus Backus, U. S. A. Prior to 1830, at Halls, a heavy granite marker was erected bearing the inscription

Captain John Brady  
Fell in defense of our forefathers  
at Wolf Run, April 11, 1779  
Aged 46 years

An old comrade who was present at his burial pointed to the site and requested that he be laid by his side. His request was granted, and near by Capt. John Brady's grave is that of his friend Henry Lebo. The Lycoming Chapter, D. A. R., recently honored his memory by placing an appropriate marker between his grave and that of his faithful comrade.

A hundred years after his death, through a dollar subscription fund, raised by Mr. J. M. M. Gerner, a monument was placed in the cemetery at Muncy, and unveiled Oct. 15, 1879. The date 1779 is on the front of the shaft, the name "John Brady" in the die, and the date of erection, 1879, in the sub-base. In closing his oration at the unveiling of the monument, Hon. John Blair Linn, of Bellefonte, Pa., said: "To Captain Brady's descendants, time fails me in paying a proper tribute. When border tales have lost their charm for the evening hour; when oblivion blots from the historic page the glorious record of Pennsylvania in the Revolution of 1776, then and then only will Captain Samuel Brady of the Rangers be forgotten. In private life, in public office, at the bar, in the Senate of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives of the U. S., in the ranks of battle, Captain John Brady's sons and grandsons and great-grandsons have flung far forward into the future the light of their family fame."



Capt. John Brady was foremost in all expeditions that went out from the West Branch settlement, and his untimely death was a sore affliction. When the inmates of the fort heard the report of the rifles that ended his life, they, with his wife, ran to ask Smith, who was with him, where he was, and his reply, "In heaven or hell or on his way to Tioga," showed his rapid flight, for he did not wait to see whether Captain Brady was killed or taken prisoner. His was a remarkable career, and death, claiming him in the prime of manhood, robbed the earth of one of her strongest sons, and the nation of one of her most loyal subjects, but in the lives and life work of his children were continued and completed the blessings and benefits to mankind commenced so unselfishly by him.

Capt. John Brady had an older brother, Samuel, who was also a noted Indian fighter. He was one of the two men who escaped from Fort Freeland at the time of its capture by the Indians. He afterward moved to Indiana county, where he died in 1811, after having spent more than fifty years in defence of the Pennsylvania frontiers.

Capt. John Brady and his wife were the parents of thirteen children: Capt. Samuel Brady, the noted Indian fighter; James Brady, who was mortally wounded by the Indians near Muncy in 1778; William, who died in infancy; John Brady, afterward sheriff of Northumberland county, and who was the father of Hon. Jasper Ewing Brady, and of William Perry Brady and Samuel Brady, both of whom distinguished themselves in the war of 1812; Mary Brady, who married Capt. William Gray, of Sunbury; William P. Brady, who was the father of Col. Hugh Brady and grandfather of Capt. Evan Rive Evans Brady; Gen. Hugh Brady, who distinguished himself in the war of 1812 and rose to a major generalship in the regular army; Jane Brady, who started the first Sunday school in Sunbury; Robert Brady; Agnes Brady, who died in infancy; Hannah Brady, who married Maj. Robert Gray, of Sunbury; Joseph Brady, who died in infancy; and Liberty Brady, who married Maj. William Dewart, of Sunbury. Cyrus Townsend Brady, the author, is a direct descendant of Capt. John Brady.—Contributed by W. G. MURDOCK.

**HON. SIMON P. WOLVERTON**, late of Sunbury, who ranked among the leading attorneys of that borough, was one of the most successful corporation lawyers in this State, and as a former representative in Congress from the Seventeenth Congressional district was widely known in this section. He was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, Jan. 28, 1837, son of Joseph and Charity (Kase) Wolverton, and on the paternal side is of English Quaker origin.

According to well authenticated tradition three

brothers emigrated from Wolverhampton, England, about 1700, and settled on Long Island, New York. The family was then, as now, one of distinction, and its coat of arms bore the wolf's head. The descendants are scattered, being found in nearly every state in the Union, and many are residents of Canada. Many members of the family have attained prominence in business, political and professional circles. Of the three brothers who originally came to this country Charles Wolverton, the lineal ancestor of Simon P. Wolverton, in 1714 moved to Hunterdon county, N. J., where the family resided for several generations.

Charles Wolverton, a descendant of the Charles Wolverton who was one of the original immigrants, was the great-grandfather of Simon P. Wolverton. He served in the war of the Revolution. He owned a large tract of land in Hunterdon county, N. J., which he granted to his son Isaac on Feb. 12, 1816.

Isaac Wolverton was born in Hunterdon county, N. J., Aug. 11, 1777, and in 1800 came with his father and family to Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he died. The father died in Augusta township, as did the son, who passed away in 1855. Isaac was a prosperous and successful farmer. He was a Democrat in politics and served as county commissioner. He was a devout Baptist and filled numerous offices in the church society of which he was a member. He married Lucretia Chamberlain and reared a family of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Joseph Wolverton, son of Isaac and father of Simon P. Wolverton, was born in Augusta township, Northumberland county, Sept. 25, 1803, and died in Sunbury in the eighties. He spent his lifetime in his native township and in the neighboring township of Rush, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Baptist. He married Charity Kase, also a native of Northumberland county, daughter of William Kase, who was of German descent, and resided in Rush township, where he was a farmer and also served as a justice of the peace. The family of Joseph and Charity Wolverton consisted of two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Wolverton died in 1862.

Simon P. Wolverton was truly a self-made man. Starting out to make his way in youth he had as his resources an unusually brilliant intellect, a sturdy physique and a constitution which seemed to have been built as of iron. From comparative obscurity, by his untiring industry and his personal merit and effort, he rose to a position in the front rank of Pennsylvania's men of great attainments, and all who knew him and realized his worth as a man and a citizen rejoiced that he won the honors and the success to which he was so justly entitled. In his youth Mr. Wolverton, who had secured a fairly good schooling, taught school,







receiving a meager salary, determined to earn enough to pay his expenses through college.

In his young manhood Mr. Wolverton completed his education at Danville Academy and Lewisburg University, where he doubled his studies and by hard work and persistent effort accomplished the work of the junior and senior courses in one year, doing that which ordinarily requires two years' study in a single year, and graduating from the institution in 1860. Following his graduation from the university he entered the law office of Hon. Alexander Jordan in Sunbury, Mr. Jordan then being the presiding judge in the Eighth Judicial district as then constituted. He read day and night, so eager was he to enter the profession to which he was attracted and for which his strong and logical intellect seemed so well to fit him. As in his youth, Mr. Wolverton in his young manhood continued to be a diligent student and a hard worker, and the same traits of character served him well through the remarkably successful career he enjoyed as a lawyer and as a statesman. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1862, and immediately entered upon the practice of law. His practice was interrupted by two periods of service during the Civil war, the first when General Stuart made his raid into the State, Mr. Wolverton raising a company of emergency men (of which he was captain) who did effective service. When a second invasion of the State was threatened by Lee's army Mr. Wolverton again went out as captain with the emergency company known as Company F, 36th Pennsylvania Regiment. The company was mustered into the service July 4, 1863, and mustered out August 11th of the same year. While in the military service Mr. Wolverton kept in touch with his law business, and on his discharge from the army immediately resumed it, and he afterward followed it to the exclusion of practically all else. He acquired a very large and lucrative clientele. A man of even temper, of indomitable will and possessing the best of health, he knew no such thing as failure, nor did he encounter defeat. As a lawyer Mr. Wolverton was very thorough in the preparation of his cases and in the courts he handled them with masterly skill.

Political honors were forced upon Mr. Wolverton, the demand for his services being of such nature as to be imperative. In the fall of 1878 he was elected, as a Democrat, to fill out the unexpired term of State Senator A. H. Dill, Senator Dill having resigned to be a candidate for governor. Twice Mr. Wolverton was reelected, and he served ten years in the State Senate. He declined a re-nomination in 1888 because he preferred to resume the more active practice of his profession. During his term in the State Senate he was prominent in securing the enactment of many of the most important laws. For the ten years he was in the Legislature he was a member of the commit-

tee on Judiciary. He introduced and secured the passage of what is known as the "Married Woman's Act" in 1887. Mr. Wolverton's great popularity with the people of the Twenty-seventh Senatorial district may be estimated by his election to the Senate for three successive terms in a district which had a normal Republican plurality of over 1,000. For two years after his retirement from the State Senate Mr. Wolverton devoted his entire time to his profession. Then he was again obliged to respond to the popular demands of his friends and neighbors, and in 1890 he was elected representative in Congress from the Seventeenth district, which includes Northumberland, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan counties. He served in the Fifty-second Congress and in 1892 was re-elected, to the Fifty-third Congress. As representative he was an untiring worker in the interest of his district, faithfully and most ably representing those who had so strenuously insisted upon again bestowing upon him political honors. At the expiration of his second term in Congress Mr. Wolverton's legal business had attained such magnitude that he realized he either must abandon law and its practice or give up political position. He decided to abandon politics, except as he might participate in political affairs as a citizen, and to devote his entire time and energy to the practice of his profession.

No better indorsement of the great ability of Mr. Wolverton as a lawyer could be put forward than the statement that he was attorney for a number of very large corporations, including the following: Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Lehigh Valley Coal Company; Cox Bros. & Company, the largest coal operators in Pennsylvania; the Delaware, Sunbury & Schuylkill Railroad Company, and many other corporations of less magnitude. He was among those prominent in organizing and constructing the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre railroad and the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg railroad, of which he was president, and which is now a part of the Reading system. Mr. Wolverton built the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric railway and continued to be interested in it. He was also interested in the Sunbury Electric Light & Power Company, the Northumberland Illuminating Company, and other local enterprises which are of a semi-public and beneficial character as greatly aiding in the development and growth of Sunbury. He died Oct. 25, 1910.

On March 23, 1865, Mr. Wolverton was united in marriage with Elizabeth D. Hendricks, daughter of Benjamin Hendricks, of Sunbury. They reared a family of three charming children: Mary G., wife of Biddle Arthurs, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth K.; and Simon P., Jr., who was asso-



ciated with and succeeded his father in the practice of law. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wolverton was a Mason and an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection.

**JOHN E. BASTRESS**, attorney at law, and president of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, at Mount Carmel, Pa., was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Nov. 29, 1865, a son of Milton Bastress. His grandfather, Solomon Bastress, resided in Montgomery county, Pa. On April 6, 1830, he married Rachel Miller, of Bucks county, Pa., and they had one son, Milton, who was born April 16, 1833, in Montgomery county, where he spent his early life. Coming to Northumberland county he located in Rush township, following his trade at Wolverton's tannery, near Snyderstown. He was also a rural mail carrier in Rush township and became well known. He was a member of the Reformed Church and in politics a Republican. He married Catherine Brocius, of Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1857. Mrs. Bastress now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Culp, near Snyderstown. Mr. Bastress died May 25, 1900. They had these children: Minerva E., deceased wife of L. R. Parry; William, living in Shamokin township; Samuel, living in Williamsport, Pa.; Alice, the wife of Benjamin F. Culp, and John E., whose name introduces this sketch.

John E. Bastress attended the public schools of his native township and Central Pennsylvania College, at New Berlin, Pa., thence going to the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, and graduating from the latter institution in 1886. With this preparation he felt himself fitted for the duties of schoolmaster, and was employed as teacher at the Shipman school in Rockefeller township, holding an engagement for one year. He was next in Union county, near Mifflinburg, teaching there one term; thence went to Point township, where he taught four terms, concluding his career in the field of pedagogy as normal school instructor for four succeeding terms at Dalmatia, and making his final bow on retiring from his profession after three years' engagement in the high schools of Mount Carmel. He then took up the study of law with Hon. Voris Auten as preceptor and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1892, and since 1895 has been located in the Samuel building at Mount Carmel, doing a general law practice in connection with his numerous and varied enterprises. He was one of the original directors of the Mount Carmel Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which was established in 1902, he serving as president since 1906, and also as chairman of the finance committee. He is president of the Mount Carmel Gas Company, and was at one time president of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, of which he is still a director. He is so-

licitor and a director of the People's and Central Building and Loan Associations of Mount Carmel.

Upon the formation of the Bastress, Vought & Co. organization in Brooklyn real estate, in 1906, Mr. Bastress assumed the management. Since then the Bastress Vought Company have merged with another concern, forming the largest and strongest real estate concern within the limits of the Empire State, the management of which rests upon the shoulders of John E. Bastress. The light and power plant of Cambridge, Md., was built and personally owned by Mr. Bastress, who sold it in 1910.

Socially Mr. Bastress belongs to the I. O. O. F., local lodge of Elks, K. of M. and P. O. S. of A. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Politically Mr. Bastress is a Republican, served one year as county chairman, and for a time was one of the executive committee. For twelve years he was solicitor for the borough of Mount Carmel.

His first wife, whom he married June 10, 1890, was Sarah Brocius. She died in 1897, leaving two children, Edgar R. and Clyde O. On Jan. 16, 1900, Mr. Bastress married Blanch M. Green, daughter of John Green, of Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bastress has had a busy life from boyhood till now, and in whatever office, whether as tutor or student, lawyer, banker or business man, his ambitions and capabilities have assigned him to high places.

**JOHN JUNIUS REIMENSNYDER**, A. M., attorney at law, Sunbury, Pa., was born in Augusta county, Va., June 2, 1812, son of Rev. George Henry and Christina Reimensnyder. His father, a graduate of the University of Göttingen, Germany, was a theologian and author of note. The family has been a professional and literary one for more than a century and a half, the sisters as well as the brothers being engaged in educational work.

J. J. Reimensnyder received his education under the tuition of his father and at local academies. He was largely a self-made man, but went over the entire collegiate course, including the Latin, under private tutors. He was a fine German scholar, frequently acting as interpreter in the court. He was the first superintendent of public instruction in Northumberland county, laying the foundation for the system of graded schools. He served in this capacity for six years. He retired from the ministry after a service of twenty-one years because of a throat affection. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Roanoke College, Salem, Va. He was twice nominated for Congress in his own county. He was elected prothonotary of Northumberland county and served two terms. During this period he was admitted







to the practice of the law, having studied law in his earlier years, Hon. Alexander Jordan, president judge, stating that he passed the most brilliant examination of any applicant in his experience. In 1838 he was married to Susan Margaret Bryan, daughter of Benjamin Bryan, the first captain in the war of 1812. He was the father of eight children, all of whom received a liberal education. Of the five sons two practiced law, two became ministers of the Gospel and one was a druggist. Hon. J. J. Reimensnyder died in Sunbury May 2, 1899.

Cornelius Reimensnyder, the eldest son, practiced law in the West.

Rev. J. B. Reimensnyder, D. D., LL. D., the second son, has been for the past twenty-six years pastor in New York City, and was this year (1911) elected president of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States at its session in Washington, D. C.

Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D. D., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, Pa., is the third son. He was born at Smithsburg, Washington Co., Md., Jan. 5, 1847, attended the public schools of Milton, and prepared for college at the old McEwensville Academy. In 1870 he graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., taking the full college classical course. He then studied theology, passing the best examination of his class, and was ordained in 1871. His first charge was Espy, Columbia Co., Pa. He then served as pastor for twelve years at Lewistown, Pa. On Sept. 2, 1911, he entered the twenty-fifth year of his present pastorate at Milton, Pa., where he is still serving one of the largest congregations in central Pennsylvania. During his college course he was chosen orator in the great literary contest, historian of his class and literary society and speaker at the literary anniversary of the institution. He was two years president of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association and seven years editor of its organ, the "Pennsylvania Sabbath School Review." He was four years chairman of the Sunday School committee of his denomination in this country. He has served for years as director of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and frequently as delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. He has served as president of each Synod of which he has been a member. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Wittenberg College, in 1896. In 1908 he was selected by the board of directors of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary to deliver the endowment lecture on the Augsburg Confession, before the Theological Seminary. He is a prominent lecturer and speaker on many important occasions in public gatherings. For the past ten years his Sunday morning sermons have been published weekly in the local city daily and have a large circulation. He is a regular contributor to Lutheran periodicals

and the author of several books and pamphlets. His books on "Reason, History and Religion" and "Ancient History and the Chronology of the Bible" have a large circulation and are used in teacher training classes and have the indorsement of many of the best educators and professors in the church. On Sept. 2, 1873, he was married to Miss Clementine C. Creveling, of Espy, Columbia Co., Pa. Five children were born to them, Anna C., Mary V., Luther M., Thomas C. and Florence I.

George B. Reimensnyder, A. M., Esq., attorney at law in Sunbury, Pa., born at Smithsburg, Washington Co., Md., July 27, 1849, is the fourth son. He was educated in the public schools and academy of Sunbury and received the honorary degree of A. M. from Pennsylvania College, in 1886. He began life as an apprentice in the office of the Sunbury *Democrat*. In 1863 he entered the prothonotary's office at Sunbury as deputy clerk, retaining that position until 1870. After teaching one year he entered the office of the register and recorder, in which he was employed nine years, seven years as deputy clerk. This laid the foundation of his study of the law. He was admitted to the bar Aug. 6, 1877. He rose rapidly in the practice of his profession until he reached the highest point as an able and efficient attorney, having a legal practice equal to any attorney in central Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the examining committee of the local bar association since 1881; was borough solicitor, 1888-89; is a director of the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and solicitor for that institution. He stands high in the church and is one of the most prominent laymen in his denomination. He was president of the Pennsylvania State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association at its session in Bellefonte, in 1881. He is a director in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and associated with many other religious and benevolent organizations. On Nov. 23, 1887, he was married to Miss Clara B. Stackhouse, of Philadelphia. He has one daughter, Miss Lillian, born at Sunbury March 23, 1889.

**GOODWILL.** The name Goodwill has been closely associated with the coal and coke interests of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been the home of the family for many years, here dwelling the late Robert Goodwill, founder and in his lifetime president of the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia; and his sons, Anthony G. Goodwill, now a hardware merchant at Shamokin, member of the firm of Boughner, Goodwill & Co.; and William F. Goodwill, who retains his mining interests.

Robert Goodwill was born in October, 1827, in the County of Northumberland, England, son of



Anthony G. and Margaret (Fleeman) Goodwill, and was tenth in their family of twelve children. When but nine years of age he went to work in the mines, and at thirteen was mining coal. His home during the last years he spent in the old country was in Scotland. He was married in his native land, and his eldest son was born before the emigration to America. In May, 1852, Mr. Goodwill, with wife and son, sailed for the New World, landing at Philadelphia on June 30th of that year. He went to Gold Mine Gap, and was employed there three years, mining coal. From there he moved to the Shamokin coal fields, and was employed at the Lancaster colliery, about three miles east of town. In 1857 he located at Trevorton, Pa., about eight miles west of Shamokin, where he worked both as a miner and contractor. At the end of eight years, in 1865, with A. A. Heim as a partner, he leased the tracts of coal lands three miles west of the town, tracts that were familiarly known as the Greenough and Bear Valley tracts. They operated these until Nov. 15, 1887, when they sold out to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Heim & Goodwill leased the Diamond Gas & Coal Company's colliery, and the Pentecost, both at Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., which they operated for ten years. In December, 1869, they acquired a quarter interest in the Monitor colliery, and in March, 1870, disposed of this interest with profit. During 1877 Mr. Goodwill occupied the position of superintendent with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and in 1878 he built the Carson colliery, operating it three years, after which he retired from active business. He was, however, of too active a temperament to remain long in retirement and in 1886 he organized the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, of Philippi, W. Va., and leased a colliery from the Blue Stone Coal Company, in connection with which he operated fifty coke ovens. The first shipment of coal was made in September, 1887, and the capacity of the mines was increased to one thousand tons per day.

Mr. Goodwill was reared by parents who were faithful members of the Church of England, but he departed from the faith of his fathers and became a Methodist, being a trustee of the Methodist Church for fifteen years, and of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church for four years. In his political faith he was a Republican. He died Dec. 17, 1899. On July 27, 1847, he married Catherine Wake, born Dec. 28, 1827, died May 20, 1902, daughter of Philip and Margaret Wake. She is also deceased, and both she and her husband rest in the cemetery at Shamokin. Five children blessed their union, of whom the two daughters died in infancy; the sons were, Anthony G., Philip (of Bramwell, W. Va.) and William F., all of whom were members of the Goodwill Coal

& Coke Company. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding July 27, 1897.

ANTHONY G. GOODWILL, son of Robert, was born in Scotland in August, 1848, and accompanied his parents to America in 1852. He attended the public schools and was graduated from Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. He was only nine years of age when he worked for a time as a slate picker. In 1869 he became a clerk for W. R. Kutzner, selling hardware and drugs, remaining in that position until 1885, when he engaged in business for himself, at No. 228 East Sunbury street, the original firm name of Boughner, Goodwill & Co. being retained to the present time. When the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company was incorporated he became a member of the company, and is still interested in the mining business. He has built up a good trade in the hardware business, and ranks among the leading citizens of Shamokin. In 1873 he married Regina C. Klase, of Ashland, Pa., daughter of Abraham Klase, and they have one son, Robert W., of Shamokin. In his political faith Mr. Goodwill is a Republican, and in his religious faith a Methodist. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the B. P. O. Elks and to the Cresco Club.

WILLIAM F. GOODWILL, son of Robert, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and was educated in the public schools and in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, graduating from the latter in 1875, and taking a commercial course at the same institution the following year. He worked from an early age in his father's mines during the summer vacations, and after completing his business course became a bookkeeper at his father's colliery, remaining until the business was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. For one year he was employed by L. M. Shuman & Co., grocers, and then became a member of the firm of Derby & Goodwill. This venture was followed by three years in the mail service, after which he was bookkeeper for J. Langdon & Co., at the Neilson colliery, Shamokin. In 1889 he became buyer for the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, and in 1905 returned to Shamokin, where he erected a comfortable home at No. 153 North Eighth street. He is still interested in the mining business, but is practically retired from an active participation in the work. In 1879 Mr. Goodwill married Ida R. Klase, of Ashland, and their children are: John J., born May 26, 1885, graduated from the University of Virginia in June, 1908; and M. B., born April 13, 1893, a member of the class of 1910, Shamokin high school. Mr. Goodwill has never been an active politician, but was elected in 1888 to the Shamokin borough council. While in West Virginia he was notary public for Mercer county.







**WILLIAM FIELD SHAY**, of Watsonstown, who as solicitor, and a former chief executive of the borough, and in other relations, has been one of the most prominent citizens of that place, was born at Northumberland, this county, son of Philip and Mary E. (Wallis) Shay.

Philip Shay was born in 1813 in Pittston, Kennebec Co., Maine. In his early manhood he went to Baltimore, Md., to assist his brother-in-law, Abiathar Field (formerly of Brookline, Mass.), in the establishing one of the pioneer oyster packing houses there, and in the interest of this business Mr. Shay subsequently located at Northumberland, Pa. Later he became connected with the packet company, in which connection he was popularly known as "Captain" Shay. He finally settled at Muncy, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business. In 1868 he removed to Watsonstown, Northumberland county, and again engaged in merchandising. He became one of the foremost men in the community, in official as well as business circles, served with credit as a member of the school board and in 1871 was elected chief burgess. He was much interested in many of the developments affecting the early growth of the borough. He was one of the incorporators and charter members of the Watsonstown Bank, was appointed by Governor Geary the first notary public of the bank and town and, at the close of his administration, was reappointed by Governor Hartranft. For eleven years he acceptably filled the position of postmaster at Watsonstown, he being the first Presidential appointee of the office, serving until his death, which occurred Feb. 2, 1885. Mr. Shay was one of the organizers and influential members of the First Presbyterian Church of Watsonstown, in which he held the office of trustee for many years.

He was first married to Mary Elizabeth Wallis, daughter of Dr. Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Cowden) Wallis, and granddaughter of Samuel Wallis, the noted pioneer of the West Branch Valley, surveyor and land owner, who was so important a figure in the early life of that region. By this marriage there was one son, William Field Shay. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shay married Priscilla M. Llewellyn. To them were born four children, Charles P., Edward E., Mary V. and Priscilla L. The mother died when the latter was an infant. He was married the third time to Emma J. Stoughton, and two children, Frank S. and Emma E. Montgomery, wife of James M. Montgomery, blessed their union. Frank S. Shay died in 1898.

William Field Shay received his elementary education in the public schools. He clerked for his father as a young man, and subsequently became a law student with Oscar Foust, Esq., of Watsonstown (now Judge of the Allen and Woodson county, Kans., courts), under whose instruction he re-

mained three years. Soon after attaining his majority he was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice at Watsonstown, where he has ever since been established. He has been admitted to practice in all the courts of the central Pennsylvania counties, as well as in the Superior court, the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, and the United States Circuit and District courts. He became solicitor for the Central Pennsylvania & Western (Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick) Railway Company at its inception, and has held the position many years. He has been solicitor for the borough of Watsonstown for many years, and also for the Watsonstown National Bank.

Few citizens of Watsonstown have done more for the best interests of the municipality than Mr. Shay. Its important public enterprises have had his aid in their fostering and development, notably the waterworks, electric light and sewer systems, and educational facilities. He has served on the school board, and in that relation took the deepest interest in the cause of public education, serving as chairman of the State Association of School Directors when Supreme Justice John P. Elkin was president of that body, and succeeding him in that office in 1901. It was through his efforts that the terminus of the Central Pennsylvania & Western railroad (now S. B. & B. railroad) was secured to the town. He has been a member of the town council, and in 1906 he was honored with election to the office of chief burgess, the nomination and election coming without solicitation on his part. His administration was progressive and effective. Mr. Shay has acquitted himself creditably in every public trust, and has justified the flattering support accorded him on every occasion when he has been a candidate for official honors. His public spirit and intelligent insight regarding the affairs of the community are best illustrated in the measures brought about through his influence. On political questions he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Shay has long been an active and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of which he has been Worshipful Master, served as secretary for a long period, and is still acting as treasurer, an office he has held for years; he is Past High Priest of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watsonstown, has been secretary of that body and is now serving under his twelfth annual appointment as the Deputy to the Grand High Priest in the Eighth capitular district, which comprises the counties of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Union and Snyder. He is also a member of the Council, and the Commandery; the A. A. S. R. and the Shrine, and has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.



For a number of years Mr. Shay has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville and is now President of that body. As chairman of the committee of legislation he has done efficient work in the securing of large appropriations for the improvement of the institution, now having the care of over sixteen hundred patients, it being the second largest in the State.

He has been foremost in the general State movement for good roads, advocating the log drag generally for dirt roads, and the building of the more substantial highways between all the towns and other main points. As solicitor for Delaware township he secured the two roads at the north and south of Watsonstown, and has been consulted and has received departmental approval of local roads of great moment for the locality in the bill just passed, contemplating the taking over of all the roads under the care and management of the State Highway Department.

With all his interests, involving much work and requiring much time for their successful continuation, Mr. Shay has found time for enjoyment of literature and for researches into local historical matters, in which line he has found pleasure and recreation, though his labors have been serious enough to command recognition, a number of leading articles from his pen having found their way into print. He has compiled and contributed much historical data which will be useful for future reference, and is regarded as an authority in the lines which he has followed.

Mr. Shay has been happily married to Mary Alice Hower, only daughter of the late Hon. Charles Hower, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who was a leading member of the bar in Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Shay are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Watsonstown, and occupy a comfortable home in the beautiful Main street in Watsonstown.

**JAMES STARRETT DOUGAL, M. D.**, of Milton, Northumberland county, is a member of the Dougal family which has had a representative of the medical profession there ever since the time of his great-grandfather, Dr. James Dougal, who was the first physician to locate permanently at that point. As a family of physicians the Dougals are known all over the State of Pennsylvania, their personal and professional worth having won them unquestioned standing, maintained without interruption or diminution during the century and more of their residence here.

The Dougal family is of Scotch-Irish origin and has a history well worth recording. The first of whom we have definite record is one James Dougal, who came to this country from Cookstown, Ireland, and took up a large tract of land in the Cumberland Valley. Returning to his na-

tive land, he sent his son James out to look after the estate.

James Dougal, son of James and Mary Dougal, was born June 4, 1769, at Londonderry, Ireland, and was a young man when sent by his father to look after his property in America. The vessel on which he made the voyage was wrecked off the coast of Delaware, James Dougal and a man who later lived at Muncy, Pa., being the only two passengers who were saved. Young Dougal was robbed of all his money and other valuables and left stranded among strangers. But he was a young man of fine personality, and being able to speak French was given a position as tutor to the son of a man whom he met, being thus engaged until he earned enough money to take him back to his native land. After finishing his literary and professional training, graduating from the College of Surgeons at Edinburgh, Scotland, he settled in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and began the practice of medicine. He married, and his two children were born there. But he became involved in the political uprising led by Emmet, his friend, and when Emmet was captured he escaped in disguise to the United States, leaving his native land with a price on his head. Being a friend of the well known Dr. Priestley, who was then located at Northumberland, Pa., he went to him for advice, on the strength of which he settled at Milton. As previously mentioned, he was the first physician to settle there, and his success was immediate and lasting. He soon (1803) erected the stone mansion at Front and Mahoning streets which remained in the family for one hundred years (being now occupied by Dr. E. L. Keiser), and continued in active practice until his death, July 18, 1818, caused by a fall from his horse. His practice extended over a large part of the territory now embraced in the counties of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Lycoming, Union and Clinton, and he was naturally one of the most widely known men in his section of the State in that day, his broad mind and energetic personality winning him the friendship and esteem of the forceful characters of the day. He retained his patriotic spirit and impulses to the end of his days, and during the war of 1812 sent his son James into the ranks of the American army to fight for the liberty so dear to all of this name.

On Oct. 14, 1793, Dr. Dougal had married Jane Starrett, like himself a native of Ireland, and they had two children, James and Margaret, both born at Cookstown, Ireland. His wife and children followed him to America a few years after his escape.

Dr. James S. Dougal, son of Dr. James and Jane (Starrett) Dougal, was born Oct. 7, 1794, at Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was reared at Milton, Pa., where he attended school







and also received private tuition under Rev. Thomas Hood. He read medicine with his father, and graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1817. When his father died, the following year, he succeeded to the extensive practice and continued actively engaged in the duties of his profession for fifty-eight years, dying May 23, 1878, in his eighty-fourth year. His reputation and patronage were widespread. In politics he was originally a Democrat, later joining the Republicans, and as previously mentioned he served when but a youth in the war of 1812.

On July 2, 1818, Dr. Dougal married Sarah Pollock, who was born July 16, 1799, daughter of William Pollock and a sister of the late ex-Governor Pollock, and she died April 1, 1873. They had a family of eight children: James, a physician who died at Milton Feb. 20, 1847; William P.; Sarah Jane, widow of James Gilmour and living in Milton; Mary Louisa, wife of R. H. Duncan, of Washington, D. C.; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of Horace A. Beale, of Chester county, Pa.; Margaret P.; Charles Hammond; and Elizabeth E., wife of Robert Bailey, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Capt. William P. Dougal, second son of Dr. James S. Dougal, was born Dec. 28, 1823, in the stone mansion built by his grandfather. He attended the old Milton Academy, and became a prosperous farmer, settling in Union county, Pa., when a young man, and there engaging in agricultural pursuits until 1860. At the breaking out of the Civil war he gave his active support to the Union cause, and on Sept. 4, 1862, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company D, 150th Pennsylvania Volunteers, better known as the Bucktail Regiment, and celebrated as one of the fighting regiments of the Army of the Potomac. He had recruited his company in Union county, Pa., where he had his home at the time. The command was sent to the front at once, and did notable service, in which he bore his full share. He was promoted to captain July 1, 1863, on the field at Gettysburg, where he received injuries so severe as to necessitate his retirement, and he received his discharge Feb. 1, 1864. He became a member of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co., which was organized that year and established the Milton Car Works, with which he was actively identified until the year 1878, when he withdrew from the firm. He lived retired thereafter until his death, July 8, 1890. He always took a deep interest in the advancement and betterment of the borough and was instrumental in promoting the success of other enterprises besides his main responsibility: he was a director of the Milton National Bank. His many friends in Milton felt that the place lost one of its best citizens in his decease. He and his family were members of the

Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Republican.

By his first marriage, to Sarah Clingan, of Union county, Pa., Captain Dougal had one daughter, Sarah, who is the wife of William C. Lawson, Jr., of Milton. His second wife, Agnes (McCormick), daughter of Robert and Eliza (Montgomery) McCormick, of Milton, was a descendant of two well known families of the West Branch Valley. Seven children were born to the second union: James, Robert, William, Eliza, Charles, Agnes and Margaret.

Charles Hammond Dougal, M. D., son of Dr. James S. Dougal and brother of Capt. William P. Dougal, was born Sept. 20, 1838, in Milton, where he received a good preliminary education in the common schools. He then took a course at Princeton, graduating from that college in the spring of 1859, after which he began to read medicine in his father's office. His professional studies were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, as he entered the Union service in 1861 under General Stoneman, as a medical cadet. He was captured July 1, 1863, and taken to Libby prison, being held there five weeks. At the end of that time he was exchanged and assigned to duty at Eckington Hospital, near Washington, D. C., where he remained until the following September.

Returning to Milton at the close of his army service, Dr. Dougal resumed his medical studies, entered the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in March, 1864. He at once entered upon practice at Milton, building up a large patronage, and finding himself with the ability and inclination to do as his father and grandfather before him had done, to win and hold the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Such a record of usefulness and service, of well sustained personal and intellectual standards, is held by few families. Though a busy man he found time to serve the borough in various public capacities, as member of the school board, member of the town council (for three terms) and chief Burgess. In politics he was a Republican, on national questions. He was a Presbyterian in church connection and socially held membership in the G. A. R. and in the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. Dougal married, Jan. 4, 1866, Annie M. Oakes, daughter of Samuel Oakes, of Montour county, Pa., and they had two children, Charles (who died young) and James Starrett. Mrs. Dougal died March 26, 1873, and on March 19, 1891, the Doctor married (second) Emma Clinger, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

James Starrett Dougal, son of Charles Hammond Dougal, was born in Milton Feb. 1, 1871. He received his early education there in the public schools, graduating from the high school in



1889, after which he entered his father's office and read medicine for three years. His formal preparation was made in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893, since which time he has been engaged in successful practice at Milton, keeping up the traditions of the family in every relation of life. His location is at No. 146 South Front street. It is sufficient to say that he enjoys the patronage and rank which the Dougals have been accorded for generations. He is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society and of the State Medical Association. Fraternally he is well known, being a charter member of Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, and a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1900 Dr. Dougal was united in marriage with Mary Emma Johnson, daughter of M. P. and Ann Johnson, of Milton, Northumberland county.

**EAGLE.** The name of Eagle is synonymous with progress and prosperity in Shamokin, and the Eagle Silk Mills, owned by John H. and Charles K. Eagle, have a reputation that extends the length and breadth of the land. To the city of Shamokin the mills are most important. They have proved of inestimable value to the community, affording employment to more than six hundred operatives.

The history of the Eagle Mills reads like a romance. Mill No. 1 was erected at Edgewood by Shamokin capitalists, and was operated with such indifferent success, closely bordering on failure, that in 1896 Mr. John H. Eagle, then a New York banker, was obliged to take the mill to save himself from financial loss. Mr. Charles K. Eagle, also of New York, came to Shamokin to assume personal management and his executive ability soon changed the balance to the proper side of the ledger, and spread the fame of the mills from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Many extensions and additions were made in the Edgewood mill; in 1898 the Trevorton mill, employing 125 hands, was started, and since then the Rock street mill—modern in every respect—has been built. The last named mill is the best equipped of its kind in the country. It is a three-story brick structure, fireproof, run entirely by electricity, each loom having its individual motor, while the ventilation is perfected by a blower and humidifier which change the entire cubic contents of the building every fifteen minutes. The rise of the firm has been rapid. A wholesale house has been established in New York. When the Messrs. Eagle took the mills it was thought that local capitalists were fortunate in getting rid of such property, but the outcome has proved what close application of brain and energy can do, and both

John H. and Charles K. Eagle are looked upon as benefactors to this borough. They are both well known and genuinely liked. The mills are now managed by Mr. James C. Brown, sketch of whom follows.

**JAMES C. BROWN**, general superintendent of the Eagle Silk Mills, is a native of Scotland, born at Glasgow Oct. 25, 1870. He was brought to America by his parents in his childhood, and was but thirteen when he began working in the silk mills at Paterson, N. J., as bobbin boy, for \$2.50 a week. He applied himself diligently to his task, and with the untiring perseverance and thoroughness of the true Scot learned all branches of the silk manufacturing business. His reputation spread and in 1904 he came to Shamokin from Phillipsburg, N. J., to take charge of the mills for J. H. & C. K. Eagle. Not only has he a thorough understanding of the manufacturing end of the business, but he has superior executive and business ability, and the mills have prospered under his wise administration.

Mr. Brown is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Delaware Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of Phillipsburg, N. J., of which he is past master; Eagle Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., of Phillipsburg; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and the Temple Club. He also belongs to Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. E. He has a beautiful home at Edgewood.

**PROF. SAMUEL B. KNISS**, an educator of long experience now engaged in teaching at Herdon, Northumberland county, is an influential citizen of that community, justice of the peace, active in church work, and interested in all things that concern the good of the people generally. He was born Sept. 22, 1852, in Upper Augusta township, this county, son of Peter Kniss and grandson of Michael Kniss.

Michael Kniss, the grandfather, lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township, where he followed farming. He died at the age of eighty-two years, and is buried at Lantz's Church. To him and his wife Juliana were born: Peter, John, Harry, Samuel, and two daughters.

Peter Kniss, son of Michael, was born Dec. 8, 1818, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and when a young man settled in Jackson township, where he passed the remainder of his long life. His death, which occurred Jan. 21, 1898, was sudden, being caused by a railroad accident at Shamokin, this county. On Sept. 12, 1847, Mr. Kniss married Lucy Ann Batdorf, daughter of John and Mary Batdorf, and she survives him, being now (1911) in her ninetieth year. She makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Erdman. Four







children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kniss: Hattie, now the wife of Rev. F. E. Erdman, of Reading, Pa.; Franklin, who died young; Samuel B.; and Willie, who died young.

Samuel B. Kniss was reared to farm life, which he followed until eighteen years old, at that time taking up the trade of painter and paper hanger. He has continued to do such work at times ever since, but for many years he has been well known as a teacher in this vicinity, having begun teaching in 1871 in Jackson township. Up to the present time he has taught thirty-two terms, all in the one township, Herndon borough, where he is now engaged, being located in that township. In 1890 he obtained his professional certificate, and in 1895 was granted a State teacher's permanent certificate.

Mr. Kniss has the confidence of his fellow citizens, and has long served them in public capacities, having been assessor of Jackson township for fourteen successive years, and he is now filling his second term as justice of the peace of Herndon borough. He is agent for a number of fire insurance companies and has done considerable business in that line.

On Oct. 18, 1877, Professor Kniss married Mary A. Albert, daughter of John and Amelia C. (Stroh) Albert, and to them have been born five children: Charles S., Arthur E., Myrtle V., Clarence A. and Lester C. Professor Kniss and his family are active in the work of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon, and he is one of the pillars of the church, which he is serving in several official capacities, as trustee, steward and class leader.

GEORGE E. HANCOCK, who is at present serving as county commissioner of Northumberland county, has been identified with the public service in various capacities. He was engaged in the hotel business for several years, and in these different associations has come in contact with a large number of the residents of this section and become very well known. He was born in this county June 15, 1872, in Coal township, near Shamokin.

Mr. Hancock is of Welsh extraction. Thomas Hancock, his grandfather, was born in 1819 in Pembrokeshire, Wales, and came to America in 1849, his family following him two years later. His first location was in Dauphin county, Pa., where he followed mining, and he came thence to Northumberland county, where he was employed at the mines during the greater part of his active life. He died in Shamokin in 1895, at the age of seventy-six years, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Hancock took an interest in the general welfare of his adopted community, and served as supervisor of Coal township, where he was a well known and respected citizen. He

married Patience Haines, who died in 1860 at Locust Gap, this county, and is buried at Shamokin. They were the parents of eleven sons, only three of whom grew to manhood, namely: John, who is living in Shamokin; Edward; and George, who lives at Mount Carmel, this county.

Edward Hancock, son of Thomas, was born July 15, 1846, in Monmouthshire, a county on the border of South Wales, and died in Coal township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1911. He came to America with his mother in the fall of 1851. The family landed at New York City and came thence to Dauphin county, Pa., thence moving to Herndon, Northumberland county, about the time the first bridge was under construction at that point. The next removal was to Trevorton, this county, where they lived for three and a half years, at the end of that time going to Big Mountain, in Coal township, where they remained five years. From that place they moved to Beavertdale, in Mount Carmel township. Edward Hancock began work at Big Mountain, picking slate at the mines for about four years, and he began regular mining at Excelsior, in Coal township, where he was employed about six years. About 1856 he went to Shamokin, where he continued at the same kind of work, following mining for about thirty-five years in all, at different collieries, until his retirement therefrom in 1900. After that he was engaged for five years at the Luke Fidler colliery, as machinist, and he was afterward employed in Coal township. He was a very active citizen in that township, having served three years as member of the school board of the township (during which time he was secretary of the board two years and president one year), one year as assessor and three years as poor director. He was a Republican in political sentiment, a member of the Methodist Church (to which his family also belong), and socially belonged to James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 1623, I. O. O. F., and to the Knights of Malta.

On Dec. 11, 1869, Mr. Hancock married Sylvia Tiley, who was born April 16, 1848, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Tiley (her parents were first cousins), and died May 3, 1908; she is buried in Shamokin cemetery. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hancock: Thomas S. died when two years old; George E. is mentioned below; John died when one year old; Jacob C. died in infancy; Adam D. is engaged in teaching in Coal township, this county; William W., a blacksmith, lives at home; Oscar died when three months old; Samuel died when seven months old; Benjamin A. is employed with the York Bridge Company; Eva M. lives at home.

George E. Hancock attended public school during his early boyhood, but he was only ten years old when he began to pick slate at the Greenbach colliery, later finding employment at the Luke Fidler



ler colliery. He then learned the barber's trade, which he followed for six years at Shamokin, his next venture being in the hotel business in Coal township, at Springfield, where he was located for four years. About this time he was elected Republican county chairman, and he was appointed deputy sheriff, serving two and a half years in that capacity under Sheriff Dietrich. He was then made jail warden, holding that position for three years. In 1904 he bought the "Van Kirk House" at Northumberland, which he conducted for three years, selling out at the end of that time. In 1908 he was elected county commissioner, and is at present filling that office. During his residence in Coal township he was elected to the school board, of which he was a member three years, and he served the same length of time as tax collector. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Order of Moose, the Owls and the Red Men, and his acquaintanceship in this region is wide.

Mr. Hancock married Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Lewis Perry, of Coal township, and they have had children as follows: Olive, George, Violet M., William S. and Clinton. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

GEORGE M. CONRAD, of Sunbury, a citizen of that borough in touch with its best interests, commercial, official, social, and one whose intelligent activities have made him a power in all those circles, bears a name which has been identified with this region for several generations. Jacob and Adam Conrad are shown by the records to have been taxables in Augusta township, Northumberland county, in 1774. In the maternal line Mr. Conrad is a member of another prominent family, the Fasold family, the branch to which his mother belongs having been settled in Northumberland county for about a century.

At the Sunbury courthouse are recorded wills of two Jacob Conrads. One lived in Sunbury borough, and his will, made May 20, 1811, was probated July 7, 1812. He purchased the homestead on which he died, a property of 150 acres, from George Harrison. Mention is made of nine children: Nicholas, Jacob, Peter, Henry, John (who was given the homestead), Mary (married David Melick), Elizabeth (married Jacob Hembrook), Susanna (married George Hall) and Catharine (married George Long). The daughter Susanna was given the plantation where she and her husband, George Hall, lived.

The other Jacob Conrad, farmer of Augusta township, "being sick and weak," made his will July 8, 1815, and it was probated Aug. 29, 1815. His wife's name was Catharine, and the following sons and daughters are mentioned: Catharine (married John Zerfoss), Jacob, Elizabeth, Henry,

John Nicholas (under twenty-one), John, George, Peter, Christian and David.

Of a later date is the will of Peter Conrad, Senior, pioneer, who lived in Augusta township, Northumberland county, and whose wife was Magdalena. He evidently died advanced in years, and his will, made May 30, 1837, was probated June 12, 1837. The children were: Jacob, John, Henry, Christian, David, Daniel (obtained homestead), Catharine (Mrs. Wagner, deceased), Magdalena (married Samuel Kreager), Elizabeth (Mrs. Kreidinger, who lived in French Creek, Crawford Co., Pa.) and Mary (Mrs. Barger).

Taking up the early records of the Conrads, we find that John Conrad, the great-grandfather of George M. Conrad, owned a farm of some four hundred acres east of Sunbury. This John Conrad, born Nov. 18, 1777, died June 11, 1839. He married Julian Cooper, who was born June 1, 1778, and lived and died in Augusta township, passing away Dec. 22, 1841, aged sixty-three years, six months, twenty-one days. They had children as follows: Susanna married Samuel Herb; Ann Maria married Decaton Herb and had Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decaton (married Mrs. Maria Dietrich) and Samuel; William married Susan Huey and (second) a Miss Bartholomew, and had a son George; Eli married Polly Geringer; George married Hester Reeser; Daniel married a Miss Wolfe; Sarah married Samuel Garinger; Julia Ann married Henry Gass; Catharine (Kate) married a Mr. Cooper; Elidia married a Mr. Schrader; Molly married William Miller.

One Henry Conrad, who is buried at the Augustaville Church, was born Oct. 8, 1779, and died March 29, 1854. He had a brother John—possibly the John mentioned above.

George Conrad, son of John, born Aug. 26, 1808, died May 17, 1877. He owned a large farm, comprising some two hundred and fifty acres, upon which what is now the eastern portion of Sunbury is built. He married Hester Reeser, born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886, and they became the parents of the following children: Catharine married Albert Beckley and had four children, Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie; William died young; Harriet married Philip Eckman and had a daughter Esther; Henry H. married Sophia Fasold; Gideon was the next in the family; Silas married Ellen Clark; Amandus Aaron, the youngest, married Mary Wise.

Henry H. Conrad, son of George, was born in 1843, and died Oct. 16, 1894. He and his wife Sophia (Fasold), daughter of George and Mary (Kreiger) Fasold, who survives him, were the parents of seven children: George M., who is mentioned fully below; Cora L., wife of W. P. G. Hoffman; Esther; Charles A.; Ida M., who is







the wife of J. B. Gould; Emily, who died in 1906, and who was the wife of William Scott and the mother of two children, Thomas and Henry; and William, teller in the Sunbury National Bank, who married Maud Reitz.

George M. Conrad, son of Henry H. and Sophia (Fasold) Conrad, was born in 1864 in what was then Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, in which region the Conrads have long been numerous and prominent. In 1898 he established himself in business at Sunbury, with which borough he is now identified as one of its foremost residents. Mr. Conrad is an extensive dealer in coal, flour, grain and feed, making a specialty of the commodity first named, in which line he has built up so large a trade that he is now the largest dealer in anthracite coal in the borough. His place of business, on South Third street, has been enlarged to meet the demands of expanding trade until it now covers nearly half of a city block. The office is at No. 135 South Third street, adjoining the warehouses, yards and switches, the whole plant being well adapted to the handling of the immense business carried on.

Although his business affairs have attained such large proportions, Mr. Conrad has shown himself an able manager, and he has found time for public-spirited service to the borough in spite of the heavy demands made upon him by his private interests. His name has been associated with almost every project of local importance for years, and he has taken an active part in the civil administration, in various important capacities. For two years he served as member of the school board; for one year filled the office of borough treasurer; and for four years was a member of the borough council, during the last two years of his service in that body being its efficient president. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, of which he is an ardent and influential supporter.

In 1903 Mr. Conrad assisted in organizing the Sunbury National Bank, and has since been one of the directors of that institution. He has long been a prominent member of the First Reformed Church, of which he has been treasurer for a number of years, also taking a leading part in the work of the Sunday school, which he has served as superintendent for about fifteen years, still holding that position. Socially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and of the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; to Mount Hermon Commandery, K. T., of Sunbury; and to Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Conrad married Della A. Burns, daughter of Dennis and Kate (Kramer) Burns, of Boise City, Idaho, and to this union has been born one daughter, Ruth, who is still attending school. The family occupy a handsome

residence on East Market street, Sunbury, which Mr. Conrad built in 1900 and enlarged and remodeled in 1908, further beautifying what was already a charming home. It is one of the attractive homes which adorn the "Hill" in Sunbury.

In the fall of 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Conrad visited her mother in Idaho and took a trip to the Pacific coast. Her father died in 1874.

CHARLES A. CONRAD, member of the firm of Conrad & Shotsberger, proprietors of the "Fairmount Hotel," Sunbury, was born in that borough Feb. 12, 1870, son of Henry H. and Sophia (Fasold) Conrad.

Mr. Conrad attended the public schools of Sunbury and in his early years was employed with his father at farming and teaming. He also clerked for his brother George M. Conrad, in his store, for a period of twelve years. He then engaged in the hotel business in 1894-95, after which he was associated with his brother George M. in the coal business for a period of seven years. In 1901, in connection with Galen Shotsberger, he began to conduct the "Fairmount Hotel," which has had a prosperous existence under his efficient management.

Socially Mr. Conrad is a member of the P. O. S. of A., F. O. E., Sunbury Lodge of Elks, Conclave, and No. 1 Fire Company. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Conrad married (first) Emma E. Lawrence, daughter of Abraham Lawrence, and after her death, which occurred in 1901, he married (second) Bertha Oyster, daughter of George Oyster. They have three children: Helen, Ruth and Charles.

MARTIN MARKLE, late of Shamokin, was a resident of that city for over thirty years and during that time maintained business connections which placed him among the most successful as well as progressive men of his day. For over twenty years he conducted the Eagle Run Brewery, located in Coal township, near Shamokin; he was one of the builders and part owner of the "Hotel Graemar," one of the finest hotels in the State; he was interested in the First National Bank (now the National Bank of Shamokin), and in the promotion of various public utilities; and he will always be remembered as a man whose public spirit was a perceptible factor in the city's advancement throughout the period of his residence there.

Mr. Markle was a native of Germany, born Feb. 12, 1835, in Werlhim Ober Balingen, Wurtemberg, son of George and Barbara (Souter) Markle, and grandson, on the maternal side, of Jacob and Katharine Souter. George Markle, who died in Germany about 1890, held a civil office under the government for forty years. He had the following



children: George Jacob, who came to America two years after his brother Martin and settled in Greenfield, Mass., where he conducted the "Germania Hotel" for twenty years (he died Sept. 22, 1898); Casper, who came to the United States in 1857 and settled in Greenfield, Mass., in 1866 (he learned the cutler's trade, following same throughout his residence in this country); John; George and Christina, who remained in Germany; and Martin.

Martin Markle received a common school education in his native land and remained there, on the home farm, until he was seventeen years old. In April, 1852, he came to the United States, arriving at New York April 23d, and after a short time in that city came on to Pennsylvania, where he ever afterward made his home. His first location was at Slatington, where he entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company as lock-tender, holding that position for nineteen years. Having decided to enter business life he engaged in the general mercantile business at the lock (which is still known as Markle's lock) in 1862, continuing at that point for several years. On Dec. 1, 1871, he settled in Shamokin, where he was in business until his death. He purchased the John B. Douty Brewery, in Coal township, which for many years was well known under his management as the Eagle Run Brewery, operating it until 1895, when he sold his interests therein to P. H. Furmann and relinquished the more exacting duties of active business. But he by no means gave up his participation in the life of the city. In 1896, in connection with Mr. George C. Graeber, of Shamokin, he built the popular "Hotel Graemar" (the name being made up of the first syllables of both proprietors' names) in Shamokin, which has the reputation of being one of the best hostelrys in the State of Pennsylvania; Mr. Markle laid the first brick himself, and he always took great pride in the hotel and its management. He was a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin (now the National Bank of Shamokin), which he also served as treasurer; a director of the Shamokin Powder Manufacturing Company; a director of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Street Railway Company (which he helped to organize); and a director of the Shamokin Street Railway Company. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

On June 17, 1852, Mr. Markle married Helena Eith, daughter of Casper Eith, a native of Germany, and to them were born eight children, namely: Anna is the wife of Pius Schweibenz, proprietor of a brewery at East Mauch Chunk, Pa.; William M., born Aug. 18, 1854, died Aug. 18, 1898; Amandus S. was born Aug. 20, 1856, and died May 5, 1910; Helen married Daniel Stahl, foreman in the Eagle Run Brewery, and died Feb. 11, 1905; George F., born Aug. 14,

1861, died March 29, 1906; Sarah A. married (first) Charles Tretter and (second) William Philippi, and resides in Shamokin; Cecelia married Francis O. Rankey, a paper box manufacturer of South Bethlehem, Pa.; Henry died in infancy. The mother of this family died Nov. 9, 1898, and in 1900 Mr. Markle married (second) Mrs. Emily Allen, daughter of Isaac May, of Shamokin. Mr. Markle's death occurred Jan. 18, 1905.

WILLIAM M. MARKLE, son of Martin and Helena (Eith) Markle, was born Aug. 18, 1854, at Lockport, Northampton Co., Pa. During the greater part of his life he was in his father's employ, but during his last years, for about three years before his death, he was in the hotel business, conducting the "Central House" of Shamokin. He died at Shamokin Aug. 18, 1898. Mr. Markle was a good business man and had all the qualities of a substantial citizen. He married Catharine Snyder, daughter of Simon and Mary (Burgner) Snyder, and they became the parents of eleven children, viz.: Sarah C., who is deceased; William P., deceased; Mary M., deceased; Sarah J., wife of Joseph Sockolwski and mother of two children, Joseph and Catharine (Mr. Sockolwski is proprietor of a cigar store in Shamokin); Amandus A.; Albert M., deceased; Evelyn A.; George S.; Charles D.; Catharine A., who is still in school; and Annie, deceased. The family reside at No. 601 Franklin street. Mrs. Markle and her children are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Simon Snyder, father of Mrs. Markle, lived and died at Pottsville, Pa. In early life he learned shoemaking, but did not follow that trade long, being employed as a tanner for many years. He married Mary Burgner, and their children were: John, Elizabeth, Mary M., Catharine (Mrs. Markle), and Theodore, all living; and three deceased, Sophia, Philomena and Frank.

AMANDUS A. MARKLE, son of William M. and Catharine (Snyder) Markle, was born May 5, 1885, in Shamokin, where he has passed all his life. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and at Tharptown, and during the first five years he worked was employed at the silk mill. He then changed to the Reitz & Hilbush planing mill, where he remained until 1905, since when he has been engaged as carpenter at the Big Mountain Colliery.

In 1905 Mr. Markle married Sallie Jordan, daughter of James Jordan, and they have had two children: James William, born Dec. 9, 1907, and Dorothy K., born Sept. 3, 1909. The family home is at No. 719 East Sunbury street. The Markles are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

GEORGE F. MARKLE, son of Martin and Helena (Eith) Markle, was born Aug. 14, 1861, and after receiving his education became interested, like his brothers, in his father's business affairs, working





for him practically all his life. For about one year he was a dairyman in Uniontown, this county. Like the members of the family generally, he had excellent business ability and was a good manager, being highly esteemed wherever known. He died March 29, 1906, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

On May 24, 1885, Mr. Markle married Miss Catherine E. Batman, daughter of Augustus and Mary (Messner) Batman, and to this union were born two daughters: Lena N., now the wife of Charles Rogers and residing at Tamaqua; and Lillie M. Mrs. Catharine E. Markle continues to make her home at Shamokin.

Augustus Batman, father of Mrs. Markle, was a farmer in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he died. He married Mary Messner, and they had a family of seven children: Edward, a farmer in Rush Valley, Northumberland county, married Mary Witmer; Ellen married Daniel Zartman; Sallie married Monroe Bitterman; Mary married George Radle; Elizabeth married Daniel Smith; Catharine E. married George F. Markle; Polly married Gideon Kremer.

WILLIAM PENN KEMBLE, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, editor of the *Mount Carmel Item*, was born in Tower City, Schuylkill county, April 5, 1876, son of Isaac and Matilda (Bickel) Kemble. When he was four years old his family removed to Ashland, the subject of this sketch becoming a resident of Mount Carmel at the age of six. His paternal ancestors were identified with the early history of Northumberland county, the old Kemble homestead being located in Jackson township. His maternal ancestors were prominent in Dauphin county. Mr. Kemble is of long American lineage, having ancestors who fought in all the wars of the Republic and in the Colonial and Indian wars.

Educated primarily in the public schools of Mount Carmel and in the Shamokin Business College, Mr. Kemble studied civil engineering under his father, the late Isaac Kemble, C. E. Later he studied law, but abandoned that to take up newspaper work in 1896, when he entered the employ of William B. Wilson, editor of the *Mount Carmel Item*. On Feb. 1, 1897, he and his father purchased the paper. Later his brother, Edward B. Kemble, joined the publishing firm. On Nov. 1, 1902, their newspaper became a daily.

Mr. Kemble enlisted in Company F, 4th Pennsylvania Infantry, May 8, 1898. He participated in the first invasion of Porto Rico, where his command was engaged in skirmishes and outpost duty. He was honorably discharged at the end of the Spanish-American War.

On Dec. 31, 1902, he was married to Bertha E. Doty Miller, of Shamokin. He has two children, Robert Penn and Frances Elizabeth.

ROBERT B. TULE, M. D., of Milton, Northumberland county, has been engaged in practice in Northumberland county ever since his graduation from medical college, but he is a comparatively recent comer to the borough, having settled there in 1907. He had considerable patronage in this locality before his removal hither, and he has established himself thoroughly in the confidence of his fellow citizens during his residence in the neighborhood.

Dr. Tule is a native of Lycoming county, and a member of a prominent old family of that section, his grandfather, John Tule, having been a well known farmer at Montoursville, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death. John Tule married Mary Bubb, and they are buried in the lower cemetery at Montoursville. Their children were: Abraham, Charles, George, William, Kate, Elizabeth and Maggie.

Abraham Tule, son of John, was born at the old homestead in Lycoming county in 1831, and there he still resides, having now a fine farm of eighty acres, near Muncy, one of the finest places in the valley. He has engaged in farming all his life, and is still active and able to look after his own affairs, though his long life has been one of constant industry. Mr. Tule married Ann Diggan, daughter of Edward Diggan, and to them were born five children, viz.: Kempton, who is a resident of Muncy; Edward; Robert B.; Bella; and Virgie, who married Frank Gortner.

Robert B. Tule was born July 8, 1866, and attended the public schools of his home district in Lycoming county and the Muncy Normal School. Like many other professional men, he preceded his preparation for the medical profession by teaching, being thus engaged for three terms in his native county. Entering Jefferson Medical College, he was graduated in 1891, and immediately afterward settled in Northumberland county, which has since been the field of his work. His first location was at Montandon, where he built up a large practice, his personality and success combining to create a demand for his services which was most gratifying, for he has been painstaking and thorough in his work, and his skill has been demonstrated in numerous cases. Conscientious devotion to his patients, regardless of any consideration but the fact that they needed attention, has won him the good will of the community to a marked degree. In 1907, when he came to Milton, he purchased a fine home on Elm street, where he also has his office. Dr. Tule is a member of the Lycoming Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association; socially he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious matters is identified with the Baptist Church.

Dr. Tule married Annie Warn, daughter of





James Warn, of Lycoming county. They have two children, James O. and Hazel I.

ISAAC C. BURD, president of the Burd & Rodgers Company, Incorporated, vice president of the American Filter & Cooler Company, and one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the borough of Shamokin, was born in Union county, Pa., July 9, 1863, son of Isaac P. and Susannah (Collier) Burd.

The early home of the Burd family was in Scotland, where Edward Burd, gentleman, lived on his estate of Ormiston, near Edinburgh. His wife was Jean Haliburton, daughter of George Haliburton, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Col. James Burd, third son of Edward Burd, was born at Ormiston in 1726, and came to America long before the Revolutionary war. For many years he was in the military service of the Province of Pennsylvania, being one of the noted military men during the French and Indian war, in which he commanded the 2d Battalion of a Pennsylvania regiment of Provincial troops. He completed the building of Fort Augusta (now Sunbury), Northumberland county, in 1756-57. He was with the Forbes expedition, and was in command at Fort Pitt. In 1748 Colonel Burd was married at Philadelphia to Sarah Shippen, daughter of Edward Shippen, and sister of Chief Justice Edward Shippen.

Isaac P. Burd, father of Isaac C., was born in Union county, and always lived in the vicinity of Swengel. He was but a boy when his father died, and he grew up in the care of strangers. He had one brother, John, and two sisters, Mary and Margaret. He was a carpenter by trade. During the Civil war he gave nine months of service to his country. His death occurred March 20, 1900, when he was nearing his eightieth birthday. He married Susannah Collier, born Jan. 28, 1822, died Jan. 10, 1903, daughter of Aaron Collier, a shoemaker and early settler of Union county, and his wife, Catherine Catheman, one of the large family of children born to David Catheman, a wealthy farmer. Aaron Collier and wife were the parents of George, Joseph, Sophia, Susannah and Lizzie. To Isaac P. Burd and wife were born seven children: George, of Ohio; Isabella, married to John Fry, of near Allenwood, Pa.; Catherine, who married Adam Diehl, of Swengel, Pa.; William, who conducts a general store at Swengel; Samuel, manager of the Winfield & New Berlin Railroad at New Berlin; John C., who died Dec. 4, 1902, at Shamokin; and Isaac C., of Shamokin.

Isaac C. Burd attended the common schools in Union county, and at the age of fifteen began clerking at Swengel, where he remained four years. He then came to Shamokin, and for two years was engaged as a clerk, at the end of that time forming a partnership with Mr. W. H. Zar-

ing. They conducted a general store for nearly two years, and then Mr. Burd sold his interest to his partner and started a small store of his own at No. 233 Spruce street. He has been very successful in his work, and has branched out until he has one of the finest stores of its kind in Shamokin. In August, 1907, the business was incorporated as the Burd & Rodgers Company, with Mr. Burd as president, the other members being some of his reliable employees.

Mr. Burd was united in marriage to Ida Rogers, daughter of H. L. and Susan (Reitz) Rogers. Two children have come to brighten their home, Walter H. and Catharine R. Mr. Burd is one of the original directors of the Market Street National Bank, and is vice president of the American Filter & Cooler Company. Fraternally he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and his religious connection is with the Evangelical Church. He belongs to the Shamokin Auto Club.

BLOOM. The Bloom family now numerous in Northumberland and Clearfield counties, Pa., is descended from two brothers who came into Pennsylvania from New Jersey. In the archives of that State are recorded the names of five Bloom brothers who served in Backster's Brigade of New Jersey Volunteers. One was killed in action. After the war one remained in New Jersey, the other three coming to Pennsylvania. Of these, Stephen Bloom, the ancestor of Urias Bloom, of Sunbury, settled in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, in Northumberland county; William, the ancestor of Amos Bloom, now also of Sunbury, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county; the third settled in a valley near Bellefonte in Center county, where a large number of his descendants have since lived.

Stephen Bloom settled in Northumberland county prior to 1795, as shown by his will, and was therefore a pioneer in this part of the country. The name has since appeared frequently in the county archives.

Samuel Bloom, son of Stephen, was born March 21, 1772, and died in what is now Rockefeller township, this county, July 8, 1837. He lived on the old Bloom homestead in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township now owned by Urias Bloom, his great-grandson, a property which consisted of nearly two hundred acres and which he purchased in 1797 from Martin Raker and wife. Samuel Bloom was a prominent man of his day, taking an active part in the work of the Democratic party and holding various important offices with honor and credit. On Feb. 28, 1809, he was commissioned justice of the peace and served many years: from 1813 to 1815 he was county commissioner; and he was county treasurer in 1834-36. He served as postmaster at what was then known as Augusta, but which office has since been abandoned.





He and his wife were Lutherans, and he was particularly prominent in the organization of the Zion Lutheran and Reformed Church at Augusta-ville, toward the erection of which he contributed generously; he was a charter member of this church and was serving as its treasurer at the time of his death. He and his wife are buried there.

Samuel Bloom married Magdalene Dunkelberger, who was born in Northumberland county July 20, 1773, and died Aug. 19, 1843. Their children were: John; Daniel, born Jan. 30, 1798, who died June 4, 1895 (wife Maria, born Sept. 8, 1798, died July 7, 1841; his second wife, Mary, died Jan. 1, 1903, aged eighty-four years, eleven months, eleven days); William, born Nov. 24, 1802, who died May 17, 1856; Samuel, who moved to Akron, Ohio, and died there aged about eighty years; Jacob, who is mentioned below; Henry, who died Nov. 22, 1880, aged sixty-four years, ten months, eight days (wife Maria, born Jan. 2, 1826, died April 16, 1904); Catharine, who married Jacob Bartholomew; Magdalene, who was married to George Keiser; and Elizabeth (1813-1901), who married George Keiser, after the death of his first wife, Magdalene.

Jacob Bloom, son of Samuel, was born on the farm later occupied by his son Hiram. He became a prominent farmer in his native township, where he settled after his marriage, in 1836 making his home permanently on the farm where he was born. Like his father he was a Democrat and a Lutheran and prominent in political and religious matters in the locality, serving ten years as justice of the peace and also holding the office of school director. He served his church as deacon, elder and treasurer. He married Julia Ann Bartholomew, who survived him, his death occurring in 1876. Nine children were born to them, viz.: (1) Deborah married D. D. Conrad of Rockefeller township. (2) Sarah married Samuel Sober, of Shamokin township. (3) Mary died unmarried. (4) Julia Ann married S. P. Malick, of Sunbury. (5) Hiram is mentioned below. (6) William settled in Lincoln county, Nebr. (7) Peter also settled in Lincoln county, Nebr. William and Peter are both living. (8) Magdalena married Harry Wolf and is deceased. (9) Martin L. enlisted in the service of the United States during the Rebellion, serving about three years, and died at the home of his father Dec. 7, 1864, from disease contracted in the army, at the age of about twenty-five years. He was unmarried. He was mustered in Oct. 8, 1861, in Company I, 58th Regiment, Pa. Vols., Capt. John Byers, Col. J. Richter Jones. This company was the first to enter Richmond after the surrender.

Hiram Bloom, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 22, 1831, in what is now Rockefeller township, and died Dec. 10, 1892. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed in connection with farm-

ing, also operating a custom sawmill. A prominent man in this township for many years, he held various positions of public trust with honor and to the full satisfaction of his fellow citizens, serving as township auditor (over twenty years) and as school director, and was elected a justice of the peace but did not serve. He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon, elder and treasurer. In 1852 he married Maria Hileman, daughter of Daniel Hileman, of Rockefeller township, and nine children were born to them, namely: Urias, of Sunbury; Mary Catharine, who died when about three years of age; John F., of Purdytown, who learned the trade of carpenter, was a teacher in the public schools and is now employed in the First National Bank of Sunbury; William E., who served as county superintendent of schools from 1886 to 1892 and is now engaged in the practice of law; Laura, wife of Daniel Long, of Rockefeller township; Daniel E., of Sunbury, assistant cashier in the First National Bank there; Frances, the wife of C. E. Dagle; Adella, wife of Elmer F. Troutman; and Florence Gertrude, who married Norman Sheetz and resides near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

URIAS BLOOM, president of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, one of the most important financial institutions of the borough of Sunbury, has a record as a public official and business man which entitles him to place among the leading citizens of this section of the county. He was born April 1, 1854, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, son of Hiram and Maria (Hileman) Bloom, and received his education in the common schools. He made such good use of his time that at the age of sixteen he was able to begin teaching. When a young man of about twenty he became a clerk in the office of the county recorder, Lemuel Shipman, remaining with him to the close of his service, in 1880, after which he was engaged by his successor, George D. Bucher, under whom he served until 1886, when he assumed the duties of the office himself. He was elected in 1885, running about two hundred and fifty votes ahead of his ticket, and upon his reelection, in 1888, he ran over twelve hundred votes ahead of his ticket. In Northumberland county the duties of register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court are performed by one official. Mr. Bloom held the office for six years, giving the highest satisfaction in every respect. For many years he has been associated with the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, having been secretary and treasurer of that institution for a number of years before assuming the duties of president, which office he now fills. As such he is one of the foremost figures in financial circles in the borough, and he is a man of irreproachable business and personal standing.

On Nov. 25, 1879, Mr. Bloom was married in



Lower Augusta township to Anna M. Winters-teen, and four children have been born to their union: Essie Uarda; Grace Imogene; Goldie Edna, who married J. Landis Strickler, of Hummels-town, Pa.; and Charles Eugene.

In religious connection Mr. Bloom is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Conclave No 11, Sovereign Patriotic Knights (having served a term as Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania), the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity. He is a Democrat in politics.

William Bloom, son of Samuel, was born Nov. 24, 1802, and died May or Nov. 17, 1856. His wife, Elizabeth (Bartholomew) was born May 26, 1806, and died Nov. 13, 1886. They were farming people, living on the place now owned by George Rebeck, which adjoins the old Bloom homestead in Rockefeller township. Mr. Bloom was a prosperous man, owning four farms, and was quite prominent in the township's public affairs, serving as constable (many years) and overseer of the poor. In political faith he was a Democrat, and he and his family were Lutheran members of the Augustaville Church; he was one of the pillars of the congregation, and served many years in the church council. His children were: Diana married Isaac Wolf; Julian married Martin Heim; Lydia married Moses Reitz; John is mentioned below; Peter lived at various places; Maria married Lemuel Shipman.

JOHN BLOOM, son of William, lived retired on his farm in Rockefeller township after a busy and useful career. He was born June 20, 1835, in Lower Augusta township, was reared to farm life, and followed farming throughout his active years, beginning on his own account when he reached his majority. He retired in 1907, and died Jan. 5, 1911. Mr. Bloom's farm, which is located on the Tulpehocken road, is an old-established business stand, formerly owned and conducted by William Deppen. After him one John Schmick had a tannery on the property, and a tavern was also conducted there in a stone house many years ago; it is probable that William Reeser ran the tavern at one time. Mr. Bloom always led a quiet and unassuming life, refusing all offers of public position. He was a Lutheran member of the Augustaville Church, to which his family belong.

On April 12, 1859, Mr. Bloom married Matilda Shipman, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Yoxtheimer) Shipman, and ten children were born to their union, viz.: Valeria married William E. Bloom; Tamar married Daniel L. DeWitt; Irene married John F. Bloom; Flora died in childhood; Emma died at the age of twenty-nine years, unmarried; Charles S. died in infancy; George E. died in infancy; Ella married William E. Reitz;

Lottie married Dr. John H. Snyder; Mabel married Leroy L. Fegley.

William Bloom, brother of Stephen (ancestor of the foregoing Blooms), took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county, Pa., at what is known as the "Peewee's Nest." He was born in New Jersey in 1752, and lived to the age of 104 years; he is buried at Curwensville, Clearfield county. He followed farming on land which he himself cleared, and where he erected a log house and barn. His wife, like himself a native of New Jersey, also attained an advanced age, living to be ninety-eight. They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Abraham, James, Isaac, John, William, Benjamin, Peter, Mary (married Matthew Caldwell) and three daughters whose names are not recalled.

From the above source there is a large posterity, and we quote the following from the *Philadelphia North American* of Aug. 18, 1909, as being of interest in this connection:

"The Bloom reunion was held at the 'Peewee's Nest,' on the bank of the Susquehanna river, near Curwensville, Pa. The Bloom clan is one of the largest in Clearfield county. They are descendants of William Bloom, a native of New Jersey, and a Revolutionary war veteran, who came to Clearfield county with his wife in 1796. They came up the west branch of the Susquehanna river in a canoe and settled on the spot where the family reunion was held. The ancestor Bloom and his helpmate had eleven children, seven sons, four daughters, and from them are descended the many hundred of Blooms of Clearfield and surrounding counties. The eighth generation of the family participated in the reunion in 1909. The Blooms have figured extensively in the affairs of Clearfield county since its organization. They are a hearty and tall people, noted for longevity and multiplicity. Ross Bloom, of near Curwensville, who was eighty-eight years old, attended the gathering of the family. Benjamin Bloom, who attended the reunion, has a record of which he is proud. He is seventy-seven years old, and the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living. He has so many grandchildren that he fears of missing some should he endeavor to count them, scores of great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

"The Blooms are members of the Democratic party. During the Civil war the family sent many of its sons to do battle for their country."

Isaac Bloom, son of William, was like all his brothers and sisters born in Clearfield county. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the farm on which he died. He married Mary (Polly) Agar, who survived him, dying in 1870 at a ripe old age, and they had a family of twelve children, six







sons and six daughters, namely: John, James A. William, George, Reuben, Benjamin, Caroline (Mrs. Owens), Priscilla (married John Norris and had eighteen children), Geneise (married Samuel Taylor), Mrs. George Ogden, Margaret (married Nicholas McCracken) and Mrs. George Garrison.

James A. Bloom, son of Isaac, was born in 1808 and lived to the age of ninety-four, dying in 1902. He is buried in the country graveyard at Bloomington, in Clearfield county. A man prominent in the business and public affairs of his day, he was a well known and substantial citizen. He had the farm of 160 acres now owned by his son Harvey, and in connection with farming followed lumbering, rafting down the West Branch of the Susquehanna river to Marietta, in Lancaster county. He filled the township offices of constable, supervisor and school director. His wife, Mary Ann (Hile), of Shamokin Hills, died aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Naomi married Robert Owen; Frampton, a retired railroad man, is a resident of Sunbury; Harvey lives on the old homestead in Clearfield county; Jane is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Edward is a resident of Grampian, Clearfield county; Amos is mentioned below; Julia died of whooping cough; Hattie lives in Binghamton, N. Y.; Mary died in September, 1910, at Philipsburg, Pa.; Alfred is a resident of Luthersville, Pa.; Daniel was accidentally killed by a tree, at the age of twenty-six years; one daughter died in infancy.

AMOS BLOOM, son of James A. Bloom, is one of the foremost merchants of the borough of Sunbury, where he has been doing business for the past twenty-five years. He was born July 14, 1846, in Clearfield county, was brought up on the farm, and had such educational advantages as the free schools of his day in that locality afforded. The district was then a typically rural section and the school and its equipment typical of the times. Slabs were used for seats, goose quills for pens, the old Sanders reader and an old-fashioned "ciphering" book were the manuals of instruction and the "schoolmaster ruled with the rod, whippings being common." Mr. Bloom's mother was a woman of unusual intelligence and taught her children at home, so that by the time he was seventeen Amos was able to teach school. He taught in all ten terms of four months each, and received \$35 a month for his services, which was considerable in those days, his board costing him but \$5 per month. Meantime he also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the summer months, school being held in winter, when the boys were not needed so badly at home to help with the farm work. When twenty-two years old Mr. Bloom went to Iowa, where he followed his trade and also found profitable employment for a time binding wheat, which was then selling at 65 cents a

bushel. He received \$5 a day and his board, five meals daily and drink free, but eighteen to twenty hours constituted a day's labor. After two years in the West Mr. Bloom returned to Pennsylvania and resumed his former method of life, following carpentry in the summer and teaching in the winter, continuing thus until 1875. That year he engaged in the mercantile business at Northumberland, Northumberland county, whence in 1885 he came to Sunbury. He has since done an extensive general business in that place, having a well stocked store at No. 44 North Fourth street, where he carries a good line of general merchandise and wall papers. Mr. Bloom is undoubtedly one of the busiest men in the borough, for he has acquired additional interests during the passing years which keep him thoroughly occupied. He is a director and secretary of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having served as such since its organization, in 1896; has been secretary of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company (capitalized at \$300,000) since 1910; is a director and treasurer of the Sunbury Ice Company; and is treasurer of the Hydraulic Ram Company of Sunbury.

Mr. Bloom has not taken an active part in the local administration except as member of the town council. Politically he is a Democrat with independent inclinations. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been grand master of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania since September, 1906. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church at Sunbury.

On Aug. 27, 1873, Mr. Bloom married Kate Leshner, daughter of Daniel and Sarah J. (Van Kirk) Leshner. They have had one daughter, Annie Irene.

HARRY E. LEIBY, present chief burgess of Snyderstown, Northumberland county, is a young man who has risen rapidly in the business world and has also become prominent in social and political circles through his energetic and forceful character. Mr. Leiby was born at Paxinos, this county, May 7, 1886, son of Francis M. Leiby and grandson of Daniel Leiby.

Daniel Leiby was born in Columbia county, Pa., near Bear Gap, and died in that county at a comparatively early age. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Rebecca (Yost), is still living at the homestead. Children as follows were born to this couple: Esther, who married Joseph B. Campbell; Amy, who married George Frederick; William, of Sunbury; Abraham L., of Bear Gap; and Francis M.

Francis M. Leiby was born Oct. 2, 1859, in Columbia county, Pa., and has been a lifelong farmer. He first lived with Eli Neice for a time, in Rush township, and eventually began farming





on his own account, now owning a farm of about 150 acres in Rush township, near Snyderstown. He gives all his time to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful. Mrs. Leiby conducts a store in Snyderstown. On Feb. 14, 1885, Mr. Leiby married Ida M. Haupt, daughter of Freeman and Ella (Neyhart) Haupt, and they have had two children: Harry E. and Edna M., the latter born Sept. 22, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Leiby are Methodists in religious connection. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. They are well known and highly respected citizens of their community.

Harry E. Leiby received his early education in the public schools of Rush township, later attending the State normal school at Bloomsburg. He then became a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, where he remained one year. Going to Philadelphia, he found employment in the hat department of Strawbridge & Clothier's large establishment, where he continued for six months. In 1906 he made a trip to Europe, and returning to New York City became a drug clerk on Long Island, for a time. He then came back to Snyderstown, in 1907 embarking in the vehicle business in which he has since been interested, his location being at the corner of Market and Walnut streets, in the borough of Shamokin. In 1910 he became associated with Solomon Martz in this business, under the name Shamokin Motor Car Company, their specialty being the Buick motors. They are doing a promising business, their enterprise and up-to-date methods commanding a discriminating class of patrons. Mr. Leiby is well known in various portions of the county besides his business and home boroughs, and he belongs to the Americus Club and Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, at Sunbury. He also holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Snyderstown.

Outside of his business Mr. Leiby has taken particular interest in politics as an ardent member of the Republican party. In March, 1910, he was honored with appointment to the office of chief Burgess of Snyderstown, which is the largest borough in area in the State of Pennsylvania. It was a compliment to his ability and substantial qualities, and an evidence of the confidence of his fellow citizens, not often shown to a man of his years.

**HENRY L. LEAM**, treasurer of The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been connected with that leading financial institution since its organization, in 1896, in his present capacity the greater part of the time. Before entering this line he was engaged in newspaper work almost from the beginning of his active career.

Mr. Leam was born Nov. 15, 1865, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Harry Leam and grand-

son of Anthony Leam, both of whom were natives of England. On coming to America with his family Anthony Leam settled at Port Carbon, Pa., where he followed mining, and there he died. His children were: Anthony, Thomas, Martha (Mrs. Brown) and Harry.

Harry Leam was born in England and came to America with his parents. His education was limited, as he commenced work when still a boy. Locating at Ashland, Schuylkill county, he built up a successful business as a contractor and builder, building many breakers, and he met his death while engaged in this work, on a slope, in 1867. All of his business life was passed at Ashland, where he became well known as an honorable, self-made, intelligent man. He married Esther Lewis, who still resides at Ashland, and they had three children, Annie, Henry L. and Minnie, the former still residing with her mother.

Henry L. Leam received his education in the public schools of Ashland, and upon commencing work found employment as a shipping clerk. From his native place he went to Pottsville, same county, where he became a member of the reporting staff of the *Miners' Journal*. His next experience was at Scranton, where he was city editor of the *Tribune*, a well known newspaper, and from there he went to Philadelphia, where he was engaged as a reporter on the *Press*. Moving to Shamokin, he became editor of the *Shamokin Daily Dispatch*, which position he held for three years, until he assumed his present business relations. On March 1, 1896, when The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company opened for business, he became teller, and two and a half years later was promoted to his present position, that of treasurer, which he has held ever since. His high personal character, no less than his business ability, has made him a most valuable man in this responsible office, which he has filled with honor. Outside of his connection with the bank Mr. Leam is well known in Shamokin as a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. He is a Presbyterian in religious connection, and is serving the church in which he holds membership as a member of the board of trustees and secretary and treasurer of that board.

In August, 1894, Mr. Leam was married to Louisa A. Shields, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and they have had one son, Henry L. Leam, Jr.

**JOHN ADAM CAKE**, attorney, of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of law in that borough for a period of forty years and has extensive real estate holdings in that part of the borough formerly known as Caketown, the management of which occupies considerable of his time.





For a number of years he was actively interested in politics, from which he withdrew, however, some years ago.

Joseph W. Cake, his father, laid out an extensive addition to the original town plat of Sunbury which was named Caketown in his honor, and which he had surveyed in September, 1863. He died Jan. 1, 1879, and his wife died Aug. 25, 1879. She is buried at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., while Mr. Cake is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They had children as follows: Alice, who married J. G. Lowery; Joseph; John Adam; Edith, who died young; and Amy, who married Joseph S. Adam.

John Adam Cake was born Aug. 25, 1846, in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and received his preparatory education at Russell's Military School, taking his collegiate course at Yale and Princeton. He studied law under Benjamin H. Brewster, at Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar at Sunbury in March, 1870, for a year previous to which event he had continued his law studies under Messrs. Rockefeller and Rohrbach, in that borough. He has ever since maintained a law office in Sunbury, in that part of the borough once known as Caketown, but which has for many years formed a part of the municipality.

Mr. Cake was quite active in political affairs for a number of years. In 1867 and 1868, during his father's incumbency of the position of United States collector at the port of Philadelphia, he was assistant cashier at the custom house in that city. He was one of the early advocates of the Greenback movement, and was a delegate to the convention held at Toledo, Ohio, in 1878, for the organization of the National Greenback and Labor party, taking an active part in the work of that convention. He represented his district in the national conventions of that party held in 1880 and 1884, working hard during the Weaver and Butler campaigns, and in 1880 was himself the nominee of his party for Congress, in 1882 for judge of the Supreme court. Since the disintegration of the Greenback party he has been a Republican, but he has not taken any direct part in public affairs or in promoting the success of the party beyond the regular casting of his vote. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, and uses his influence in a quiet way for the promotion of all worthy objects which have in view the advancement of the general welfare.

On Feb. 27, 1868, Mr. Cake married, at Pottsville, Pa., Minnie E. McCullough, daughter of Capt. Hugh McCullough, who lost his life while serving in the Union army at the battle of Murfreesboro. Mrs. Cake died the mother of four children: (1) John Adam, born at Sunbury Jan. 19, 1869, died there. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1887, after which he was a student

for three years at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and then returning to Sunbury read medicine with the late Dr. F. B. Masser, completing his preparation for the medical profession at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893. He practiced at Sunbury from that time until his death, meeting with a degree of success which comes to few. He was a working member of the Northumberland County Medical Society. Dr. Cake spent much time at college in the gymnasium and athletic sports, for which he always retained a fondness. In February, 1894, he married Clara Jones, of Shamokin, and they had one daughter, Helen Marie. (2) Minnie C. is the wife of Mason Noble. (3) Joseph W. is engaged as a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad. (4) Edith.

Mr. Cake was married (second) to Mrs. Dunkelberger. He is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

JOHN A. HILBISH, a resident of the borough of Northumberland who has recently retired from farming to devote his attention to other interests, is one of the leading spirits in the promotion of the development of his town and section and recognized as one of the most progressive citizens of his community. He has been associated with various projects affecting the general welfare of the locality, and his public spirit and efficient services have made him one of the most influential workers in the advance movement toward greater Northumberland. Mr. Hilbish was born Aug. 7, 1851, in Washington township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Daniel P. Hilbish, grandson of Peter Hilbish and great-grandson of Peter Hilbish.

This family comes of the sturdy German stock which has given Pennsylvania so many of her useful citizens. The name, originally Hallobush or Hallowbush, is now spelled in many ways—Hilbush, Hillbush, Hillbish, Hilbish and Hallerbush. Christian Hallowbush, the emigrant ancestor of John H. Hilbush, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born in 1718 in the German Palatinate, and came to America in 1724 with his brother Peter and widowed mother. They landed at Philadelphia, locating shortly after in Salford township, Montgomery county. Peter Hallowbush was born in 1709, and died in 1768, leaving five children, Catharine, Johst, Magdalena, Margaret and Ann Maria. Christian Hallowbush died in Montgomery county in 1778, the father of four children, Magdalena, Henry, Adam and Peter. Undoubtedly the family here under consideration is descended from this source.

Daniel P. Hilbish was born in 1810 in Washington township, Snyder county, and died in February, 1861. He is buried at Freeburg. A farmer by occupation, he prospered in his calling, and not only owned the old Hilbish homestead in



Snyder county but also the farm in Point township, Northumberland county, now owned by his son John A. Hilbish. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a leader in the affairs of his district, held various public offices, and was one of the original founders of the Freeburg Academy, serving on the building committee and later as trustee. He contributed largely to the construction and was the leading spirit in the foundation of this institution, where his children were educated. On the question of education he had strong convictions, and he did much work beneficial to the community. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, which he supported with his influence and means. He was liberal in such matters as he was generous and broad in all the associations of life. The old homestead which he owned, and which his son Samuel G. took after his death, has now (1910) been in the family name for 125 years, and was all in the forest when taken up by his grandfather, Peter. In 1846 Daniel P. Hilbish purchased the farm in Point township mentioned before, upon which he erected a full set of buildings, which the Pennsylvania Company purchased in 1909. He was a man whose judgment was so highly esteemed that he was frequently sought for advice by his neighbors, and he had the respect of all who knew him. He married Elizabeth Glass, daughter of George and Sarah (Brill) Glass, of Washington township, Snyder county, whose family were pioneers in that district, coming thither while the Indians were still roaming the territory. Mrs. Hilbish long survived her husband, dying in 1888 at the age of seventy-six years, and is likewise buried in the family plot at St. Peter's Church, at Freeburg, in Washington township. Eight children were born to them: Samuel G., who lives on the homestead; Sarah S., wife of Philip B. Moyer; Mary A., who married William Motz; Catharine A., who married James P. Artley; one that died in infancy; John A.; George A., who died in 1877, aged twenty-four years; and Emma K., deceased, who married Dr. J. D. Hilbish and after his death became the wife of John Motz.

John A. Hilbish was born on the Hilbish homestead and was during his early youth a pupil in the local public schools, later attending Freeburg Academy, from which he was graduated in 1866. Subsequently he attended Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa., and later the Millersville State Normal school. In 1868 he was licensed to teach public school and began teaching at Middleburg. In all he taught for five terms, during which time he gave the highest satisfaction to patrons and pupils alike, being regarded as an able disciplinarian as well as an efficient instructor. He holds the esteem of his old pupils to this day. In 1872 he engaged in the mercantile business in Freeburg and continued same successfully until 1881, car-

rying on a general store. In 1882 he built a fine residence in Freeburg. In 1883 he came to Northumberland and began the cultivation of his 230 acre farm, which has been in the family name since 1846. He farmed this place from 1883 to 1910, when he gave up agricultural pursuits to look after his other interests. He sold forty-seven acres of his land to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which established its yards at that point, and in 1910 he laid out sixteen acres of his land in building lots. Mr. Hilbish has furthered other projects for the good of the community. He was one of the organizers of the new bank of Northumberland.

On Feb. 10, 1884, Mr. Hilbish married Melissa Kautz, daughter of Samuel B. and Sarah (Wetzel) Kautz, of Freeburg, and they have had three children, Charles E., John C. and Sarah I. Both sons are graduates of Bucknell University, and the elder is now engaged as a contractor in Northumberland; he is also a public surveyor. The daughter is a member of the class of 1912, Northumberland high school. Mr. Hilbish and his family worship at the Presbyterian Church of Northumberland. He is a Republican in politics, and has held public office. In 1909 he erected the new brick house at the corner of King and Hilbish streets, in Northumberland, in which he and his family now reside. The location is beautiful, affording an ideal view of the surrounding landscape.

FREDERICK W. V. LORENZ, a civil engineer of high standing, and one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Northumberland county, was born in Burgsteinfurt, Westphalia, Germany, Dec. 26, 1853, son of Victor and Augusta (Drost) Lorenz.

Victor Lorenz, the father, held high place in his native land. He was born Oct. 15, 1833, and received an excellent education. When but twenty-five years old he was made counselor to the Prince of Bentheim Steinfurt, a position he continued to fill for almost half a century. He died Oct. 14, 1902.

Frederick W. V. Lorenz was a student at the University of Halle, on the river Saale, until 1873. In 1877 he came to the United States, locating in Philadelphia, where, however, he remained but three months, in January, 1878, joining the P. & T. Collins expedition to Brazil. He was engaged in that country until November, 1879, when he returned to the United States, and became a civil engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and afterward was a clerk in the construction of the coal docks at Elizabethport, N. J., until January, 1882. At that time his employers sent him to Shamokin to fill the position of civil engineer in the construction of various branches. In September, 1887, he was







appointed teller of the First National Bank, a position he filled for some years. During 1895-96, and several times later, he filled the office of city engineer.

Mr. Lorenz has been active in public affairs. In 1902 he was elected to represent the First ward on the school board, and has since given very efficient service, in 1907 and 1908 serving as president of the board. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he belongs to the Cresco Club. He is also a member of the Madeira Mamore Association, which is made up of men connected with the building of railroads in Brazil, South America; annual banquets are held in Philadelphia.

On June 25, 1884, Mr. Lorenz was married to Clara Beury, daughter of Christian and Nancy (Lawton) Beury, of Shamokin. To this union were born four children: Helen B., born Aug. 30, 1885; Nancy L., born July 17, 1887, who married J. H. Cooper, of Sunbury, Pa.; and Charles Christian and Frederick Victor, twins, born Oct. 22, 1889, both of whom died within two years after birth.

Mr. Lorenz and his family are communicants of the Episcopal Church, in which he filled the office of vestryman. In 1898-1899, accompanied by his family, he made a trip to Europe, visiting Germany and France. In 1903 they made a second trip, visiting England, Ireland, Germany and Austria, and in 1910 a third, visiting England, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Mr. Lorenz has won a high place in the estimation of the people of his adopted town, where he is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen.

H. M. BECKER, M. D., has throughout his practice made a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which line he has a reputation that extends all over the State of Pennsylvania and a patronage which takes him over a wide territory. He has made his home at Sunbury, Northumberland county, since 1899.

Dr. Becker is the only son of George F. Becker and grandson of Curtis A. Becker, a native of New Baltimore, York Co., Pa., who died there about 1889, at the age of seventy-three years. He is buried at Bear's meetinghouse, though he was a Lutheran in religious connection. He was a wheelwright and blacksmith of the old-fashioned type of tradesman, being able to make every part of a wagon as well as build the wagon itself. His wife was Mary Fisher, and their children were: Elias, George F., John, Simon (living at New Baltimore, Pa.) and Mrs. Shue. The daughter lives with her husband in Adams county, Pennsylvania.

George F. Becker was born May 29, 1835, at New Baltimore, Pa., where he continued to make his home until 1892. Like his father he was a carriage builder, and he made the first buggies

turned out in his section of the State. This was during Civil war times. He prospered in this business, employing from twelve to twenty-five men, and he also had a farm. From 1892 until his death he lived at Hanover, Pa. He died Nov. 19, 1903, and is buried at Bear's meetinghouse. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. He married Lucy Ann Myers, daughter of Conrad Myers, of Codorus township, at what is called Seven Valleys. Mrs. Becker is now living at Hanover, York county. Two children were born to her and her husband: Annie M. (wife of Levi Bowman) and H. M.

H. M. Becker was born May 3, 1873, at New Baltimore, and received his early education in the schools of New Baltimore, later becoming a student at the Cumberland Valley State normal school, from which he was graduated in 1892. From 1892 to 1894 he continued his studies at Gettysburg College, after which he took a course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Graduating in 1898, he took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic hospital, in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, subsequently, in 1903, taking a similar course in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and in the New York Polyclinic Hospital and Post Graduate School of Medicine. On Dec. 20, 1899, he settled at Sunbury, where he has since practiced, though his work is by no means confined to that borough or section. He is now engaged in dispensary work at the Wills Eye hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Becker has numerous professional associations and has been active in medical organizations. He is a member of the Sunbury Medical Club, organized for sociability as well as study; a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, of the American Ophthalmological Society, and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Gettysburg College. He is a past president of his county medical society and has been district censor since 1904. He is a Mason, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and in the Temple Club. Dr. Becker is a member of the surgical staff of the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury, having charge of all the eye and ear work at that institution. He is medical examiner for various life insurance companies and insurance fraternities.

On Nov. 23, 1904, Dr. Becker married Maud O. Keefer, daughter of John S. Keefer, of Sunbury.

COL. WILLIAM CLAPHAM, who built Fort Augusta, and was the first officer in charge there, was commissioned captain and lieutenant-colonel March 29, 1756, and commanded the 3d Battalion, known as the Augusta regiment. The erection of



a fort at Shamokin (now Sunbury) had been urged repeatedly by friendly Indians. It was probably first suggested by Andrew Montour and Monocatotha at Harris's Ferry on Nov. 1, 1755, and at once received the favorable consideration of the governor, who intended to build it that winter. On Jan. 17, 1756, it was again brought to the notice of the governor at a conference at Carlisle. The Indians said the fort would be "a place of refuge in times of distress for us with our wives and children to fly to for our safety." Construction would probably have commenced at once if the weather had permitted. The Indians were impatient at the delay, and at other conferences, held Feb. 22d and April 10th, urgently requested the governor to keep his promise. The location was inaccessible, except by water, and opposition from the enemy was not improbable. The appropriations made by the Provincial Assembly were dispensed under the supervision of a board of commissioners, who were not in cordial sympathy with the governor's plans, and it was not until April, 1756, that their consent to this project was obtained. The consent of the commissioners was coupled with a request that four hundred troops should be raised for the expedition, and the 3d Battalion was accordingly recruited. It rendezvoused at Fort Hunter and marched on the east side of the Susquehanna as far as Fort Halifax, stopping en route at McKee's store (opposite the mouth of Sherman's creek), whence on June 5th Colonel Clapham marched with five companies and eighteen batteaux and canoes loaded, arriving the next afternoon at Fort Halifax. The progress of the expedition was attended with many difficulties. Considerable difficulty was experienced in ascending the Juniata rapids; many of the batteaux grounded, "though laden with no more than four barrels of pork and a few light things." It was the governor's idea to use canoes only in the transportation service, the batteaux being substituted at the suggestion of John Harris. While the transportation of the stores up the river was in progress the main body of the troops was employed in erecting Fort Halifax. This was not included originally in the plan of the expedition, but was undertaken by Colonel Clapham in the exercise of his discretionary powers. Continuing the march about five miles above Fort Halifax, the troops proceeded thence along the west bank of the river to a point opposite Sunbury, where they crossed in batteaux.

In a letter to Colonel Clapham dated June 12, 1756, the governor submits him two plans of forts, allowing him to use his own judgment in choosing the kind of fort best suited to the place and conditions, as well as to select the site, except that it had to be on the east side of the Susquehanna; and he was instructed to put up a breastwork at once, so that his men could carry on the work in safety.

The temporary defenses he constructed were approved by the governor in another communication. The work progressed but slowly, as there was but one team of draft horses to be had, but nevertheless it went steadily forward, for on Aug. 14th he wrote: "We have the walls of the fort now above half finished and our other works in such situation that we can make a very good defense against any body of French and Indians that shall seat themselves before us without cannon." The Colonel evidently was in favor of strengthening the fort, for in one letter he speaks of strengthening "this post by doubling the fort with another case of logs and filling up the intermediate space with earth in order to render it cannon-proof, which I think ought to be done"; and again: "This post, which is in my opinion of the utmost consequence to the Province, is already defensible against all the power of musketry, but as it is, from the nature of its situation, exposed to a more formidable descent from the West Branch, it ought, I think, to be rendered still stronger." On Sept. 23d he sent a plan (probably the original of which that in the British Museum is a copy) of the completed fort to Governor Denny with the information that its construction had required "little better than the space of six weeks." This referred only to the works originally projected, probably constructed from the plans furnished by the governor without any special engineering supervision. On Oct. 17, 1756, E. Meyer, an engineer in the Provincial service, and James Young, the commissary general, arrived at Harris's Ferry, thence proceeding to Fort Augusta with Captain Lloyd. Improvements were apparently made at Mr. Meyer's suggestion, judging by a later report of the Colonel, who continues to refer to the lack of tools and conveniences as hampering the work.

They were in constant danger of attacks by the French and Indians. Fort Granville was taken and burned July 30, 1756, and an attack upon Fort Augusta was deemed highly probable. The fleet of batteaux ascended and descended the river under a strong guard, the killing of more than one white person having shown this to be necessary. A friendly Indian chief bringing news of the approach of a large force of French and Indians, dispatches were at once transmitted to Colonel Clapham, who was then at Harris's Ferry, and he immediately returned to Fort Augusta, determined to defend it to the last extremity. The garrison was reinforced, and additional works were constructed which so strengthened the post as to warrant offensive measures. Accordingly, a detail was sent out to advance on the Indian town of Chingleclamouse (situated on the West Branch at the present site of Clearfield) and destroy it if occupied, otherwise to leave no trace of the visit. It was found to be deserted.

Life at the post was not only rendered hazardous





by constant danger of attack, but the lack of provisions and difficulty of transporting them made the situation doubly hard. Ammunition was low at a most critical period; food supplies were insufficient and uncertain; and inadequate finances made the payment of the men for their services so irregular that it was hard for the commander to keep them loyal. Nor was this feeling confined to the ranks. The "extremely parsimonious policy of the commissioners \* \* \* caused general dissatisfaction among the officers," who complained that they had not received the pay promised and asked permission to resign. This disaffection prevailed among the officers of the entire regiment, Colonel Clapham upholding them in their demands. On Sept. 23, 1756, he wrote Governor Denny stating that four months' pay was due the regiment, and as many of the soldiers had families to support he had to lend the greater part of his own salary to them to keep them from deserting or returning home when their terms of enlistment expired. At length, "tired with the discouragements perpetually given to the service by the commissioners and with their particular treatment of him," he resigned his commission, and was succeeded in command of the Augusta regiment by Maj. James Burd, the officer next in rank, who arrived at Fort Augusta, Dec. 8, 1756. At that time there were 280 men "doing duty" and nine officers "for duty."

**RIGHT REV. JOHN JOSEPH KOCH, D. D., V. G.**, the beloved pastor of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest religious organization in Shamokin, and the first to build a church in the town, has long been identified with everything affecting the spiritual and moral advancement of the people with whom he has been so closely associated for forty-five years. As citizen no less than in his priestly capacity Father Koch holds the reverence and admiration of the people of Shamokin to an unusual degree. His sterling worth as a man, his high ideals of duty and responsibility, his broad Christian spirit, and his achievements in a long career of devotion, have won him a foremost place among the most influential people of the borough. A life of such wide usefulness falls to the lot of few men.

Father Koch was born Feb. 5, 1840, in Lorraine, France, part of the Province of Alsace-Lorraine which was ceded by France to Germany in 1871 after the war which ended in the triumphant march of the Germans to Paris, and his parents, John and Elizabeth (Francois) Koch, were also natives of that Province. At the age of eight and a half years he entered the University of Pont-a-Mousson near Nancy, Lorraine, from which he was graduated Aug. 5, 1857, at the early age of seventeen years. He then entered the Seminary at Nancy, having determined to study for the

priesthood, and he remained in that institution for about five years, taking the philosophical and theological courses, and leaving within four months of the time required to complete the work. The cessation of his studies was due to the fact that because of his youth he could not be ordained a priest for two years, he being two years under the age fixed by the church for ordination. This circumstance rendered it advisable for him to remain in France and await the time when he might enter the priesthood there. In 1861, in response to an invitation from Bishop Wood of Philadelphia, he came to the United States, priests at that period being comparatively few as compared with the extensive fields in which the work of the church was being energetically prosecuted. After spending two weeks in Paris he sailed for this country, and after a brief stay in New York City joined Bishop Wood in Philadelphia, in May. He entered the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, in Philadelphia. He was then twenty-two years of age, too young to be ordained unless by special dispensation, the age of ordination to the priesthood being twenty-four years. In order that his services might be utilized and he might immediately enter upon the duties he had chosen for his life work, a dispensation was granted by Bishop Wood, who ordained and admitted him to the priesthood Feb. 25, 1863. He was first installed as an assistant at St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia. Two months later he was appointed assistant chaplain for the hospitals in the Quaker City, an honor which was bestowed upon him because of his special fitness for the work and his knowledge of Latin, French, German, Italian and English.

Father Koch's abilities as a priest quickly demonstrated themselves and he was transferred to this section to take charge of important territory. He located in Milton, Northumberland county, in November, 1863, assuming the charge of the church there, St. Joseph's, and also of the churches and missions in five counties, including one at Cascade, Lycoming county, where there was an Irish settlement numbering seventy families, and where he built a church; a German congregation at Danville, St. Hubert's, where he built the church; at Trevorton, where he took up and zealously pushed to completion a church which was unfinished when the priest died who formerly had been in charge of the congregation (he paid off the debt there); the churches at Sunbury and Lewisburg; and the missions at Herndon, Ralston and Trout Run. His mission extended from Ralston, Lycoming county, to Georgetown, Northumberland county, and included five churches and fifteen stations. For three years our subject made his headquarters at Milton, vigorously performing the multitude of duties incumbent upon him as the shepherd of so many flocks of the faithful in the adjacent country. Under his pastorate the debts of St. Joseph's were





paid, the building repaired, and other substantial improvements carried out. In August, 1866, Shamokin was organized into a parish, with Trevorton, Locust Gap and Mount Carmel as missions. Father Koch was appointed the first pastor, and removed to Shamokin Sept. 2, 1866, in obedience to orders transferring him to the larger sphere of usefulness and placing upon him the important responsibility of enlarging and perfecting the organization in behalf of his church in the coal region of Northumberland county. He took control the second Sunday in September and was the first resident pastor of St. Edward's Church in Shamokin.

A brief review of the history of St. Edward's Church is necessary to a clear and satisfactory understanding of the conditions which existed when Father Koch assumed charge of the church and the remarkable energy he displayed in the accomplishment of remarkable achievements in the years which he has devoted to the church and the Catholics of Shamokin and vicinity. Many Catholics were employed in the construction of the Danville & Pottsville railroad, and as early as 1838 Catholic services were held in Shamokin by the priests of Pottsville and Minersville. A half acre of land in the west end of the village was secured for a church and cemetery and in 1839 sufficient money had been raised to erect a frame edifice, 20 by 32 feet in dimensions, unplastered and very plain, on the southwest corner of the site. The leaders in this enterprise were Patrick Reilly, master mechanic in the railroad shops, and Matthew Brannigan, and the small church was built by Stephen Bittenbender. It was dedicated as St. Edward's Church, Oct. 11, 1840, by Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia. These early Catholics of the little village of Shamokin were administered to by priests of Pottsville, Minersville, Danville and Milton, and occasionally by a missionary, and thus their faith was kept fittingly before them and they rejoiced in their worship, though in a most humble and scantily furnished church. Rev. Michael Sheridan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Danville, had charge of the congregation from 1854 to October, 1857, when he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Murray, who served as pastor for nearly nine years, giving way to Father Koch in September, 1866.

Upon taking control of the Shamokin parish Father Koch immediately set out to infuse new life into the congregation and to build up the church. He soon bought the site upon which the present handsome edifice stands, for \$3,400. The old frame building was demolished, giving way to a considerably larger edifice, which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1866. So rapidly did the congregation of St. Edward's increase under the able guidance of Father Koch that in the spring of 1867 it was necessary to further enlarge the church

that the people might comfortably be accommodated and that none might be deprived of the privilege, which they so greatly desired, of attending services. In the spring of 1869 a parochial residence was erected on a lot adjoining the church, at an expenditure of \$8,500. Constantly the attendance upon the church increased and within a short period of time the congregation had grown so large that a new place of worship was an imperative necessity. Ground was broken in the summer of 1872, foundations were put in, and Sept. 14th Father Koch laid the first stone in the wall of the church which is to-day the pride of the Catholics at Shamokin. The corner stone was laid with impressive ceremonies May 23, 1873, by Bishop O'Hara of Scranton. A contract had been let for the entire stone work, but the contractor abandoned the work, an act which would utterly have discouraged a less energetic, less persevering man than our subject. Determined that there should be no unnecessary delay, Father Koch for the time acted as his own contractor, and hiring masons superintended the construction of the walls until they were ready for the roof, at the same time keeping up with his many pastoral duties. In December, 1873, the roof was on, the tower was built and walks had been laid about the structure. On Christmas morning the first mass was celebrated in the basement of the new church, in which the services were held until June 6, 1880, when the finished church was dedicated. The edifice is of white cut sandstone, quarried from the mountain-side about a mile from Shamokin; its interior is 64 feet wide and 125 feet long, and the tower is 207 feet high. The completion of the building was delayed by the lack of funds, but Father Koch hopefully and energetically kept at work and finally was enabled to see the church finished in reasonable time. In November, 1876, a chime of four large bells was hung in the tower, weighing, with the fittings, 8,500 pounds. The frescoing in the interior was done in four months, under the direction of a well known Philadelphia artist. Over the main altar are paintings representing the Crucifixion, St. Patrick, and the patron of the church, St. Edward, the figures being life-size. In the center of the ceiling a beautiful fresco twenty-two feet in diameter portrays the "Resurrection of Christ" and is surrounded by figures of the four Evangelists, and around the walls are paintings of the twelve Apostles. Especially noticeable are two beautiful pieces of statuary standing on either side of the altar, one representing "Christ meeting His Mother on His Way to Calvary," and the other "The Descent from the Cross," both of which were imported from France by Father Koch. The building is lighted with electricity (St. Edward's was the first church in the world to be lighted with electricity) and heated by steam, and has a seating capacity of over one-



thousand, and as many as fourteen hundred persons have gathered within its walls.

Especial attention has been paid to educational facilities by Father Koch since he assumed charge of St. Edward's Church. In 1874 he organized a parochial school, using the old church as a school building, and opened it in September of that year. The school was for the first year of its existence in charge of lay teachers. In 1875 the school was placed under the supervision of four Sisters of Charity from Mount St. Vincent, New York, and in 1877 a convent was erected for them. Subsequently a lot was purchased opposite the church and the present brick school was built, being completed in 1883-84. The school is now conducted by fourteen Sisters of Charity and has over seven hundred pupils.

The congregation of St. Edward's now numbers about four thousand souls, and of these over 2,650 are communicants. Its Sunday school is very large and the rector takes great pride in it.

For twenty-three years Father Koch has been vicar general of the Diocese of Harrisburg. On the death of Bishop McGovern, in 1898, he was appointed administrator of the diocese.

St. Joseph's congregation at Locust Gap worshipped in the school building until 1870, when Father Koch erected a church costing \$7,800, which was finished and dedicated Aug. 27, 1871. In 1872 he purchased four acres of land adjoining the village of Springfield for a cemetery, which was consecrated, and has since been used by the Catholics of this portion of the county.

**JOHN J. W. SCHWARTZ**, late of Shamokin, former treasurer of Northumberland county, and for many years one of the most prominent and popular citizens of his borough, was born near Paxinos, in Shamokin township, this county, July 21, 1841, son of Francis Peter Schwartz. His great-grandfather was a native of Saxony, emigrating in his youth to the New World, and serving throughout the Revolution in the Continental army. In 1803 he located at Reading, Pennsylvania.

John Schwartz, grandfather of John J. W., settled at Sunbury, where he died and is buried. His children were: Maj. John; Francis Peter; Anna, married to Jacob Seitzinger; Mary, married to John Ruch; and Elizabeth, married to Fred Haas.

Francis Peter Schwartz, son of John, was born in 1796, and died in 1862, aged sixty-six years. He was well known in Northumberland county in his day, and for many years taught school and wrote deeds and wills. He had a wide reputation for superior education. In his young manhood he was employed for a year in one of the departments at Washington, D. C. For some time he conducted the *Publick Inquirer*, one of the early

papers of Sunbury, started in 1820 by Samuel J. Packer. During the war of 1812 he served as ensign in Capt. Jacob Hummell's company from Northumberland county, and has the distinction of being the only soldier of the war of 1812 that was buried at Reed's church, in Ralpho township. He was town clerk of the borough of Sunbury at an early date. His death occurred at his home near Paxinos. He married Julia Haas, daughter of Peter Haas, and their children were: John J. W.; Rosina, who married Jeremiah Bloom; and Francis P., who died young and is buried in a small burying ground in Cumru township, Berks county.

John J. W. Schwartz attended the public schools, but from the early age of ten years was obliged to contribute to the support of the family, hiring out to neighboring farmers in the Shamokin Valley until he reached the age of eighteen. During this time he had three or four months' schooling each year. When about eighteen years of age he became a clerk in the store of Haas & Fagely, of Locust Gap, at a salary of a hundred dollars a year and board. This occupation he continued for a period of twenty-five years, and became a very valuable man. He remained with the firm until June 16, 1863, when he and George Martz of Shamokin were mustered into the United States army, in Company A, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Thomas R. Jones, serving during the emergency. On his return from the army Mr. Schwartz resumed his former position, remaining therein until Jan. 1, 1864, when he came to Shamokin to clerk in the store of William Fagely & Co. From there he went to the Cameron colliery to keep books and ship coal for the firm of John Haas & Co. This firm was later succeeded by Haas, Fagely & Co., but Mr. Schwartz continued in its employ until the workings were sold July 1, 1871, when he went back to again clerk in the store of Haas, Fagely & Co. and their successors, Fagely & Martz. In February, 1873, he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the firm of Patterson, Llewellyn & Co., miners and shippers of coal. He worked for this firm until he announced himself as a candidate for the office of county treasurer on the Republican ticket, and at the election the people of the county showed their trust in his honesty and integrity by giving him an excellent majority. His election was doubly honorable because of the fact that he was the first Republican to attain that office in Northumberland county. From 1885 to 1887 he served as treasurer of the county, having been elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Schwartz was also an earnest worker in municipal affairs. For twelve years he served on the school board, part of the time as its secretary, and for one term was a member of the council. In 1888 he became chief Burgess of Shamokin. He clerked in the prothonotary's office three years and seven months, from 1894 to 1897, being deputy under







*Mr. J. Schwartz*



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Charles L. Kramer. He has served his party as county chairman. In 1897 he was appointed justice of the peace, by Governor Hastings, to fill the unexpired term of the late Squire Francis A. Miller, who died in 1897, and in 1900 was elected for a five years' term. This was during the great coal strike, when his office was a hard one to fill. He was at one time owner and editor of the *Shamokin Daily Herald*. From 1903 to the time of his death he was a notary public. He was engaged also as pension agent and in the real estate and insurance business, representing the Svea Company, of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Pittsburg Underwriters. He was assessor of his ward, the Ninth. His office was at No. 543 North Market street.

In his work he had the advantage of speaking fluently in both German and English and was a man of unswerving integrity and possessed an unimpeachable character. Socially he was genial and pleasant, always having a heart of sympathy and a broad hand of generous help for the suffering, the poor and the needy. With these noble traits of character he formed friends by the legion who grieve and lament his sad death. He was a charter member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of which he was a past commander. Fraternally he belonged to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. Both these organizations were represented at his funeral.

Mr. Schwartz married Elizabeth Strawser, daughter of John R. Strawser. They had the following children: George, who died young; Wynona I., who married Charles E. Hale; Catherine A., of Shamokin; William H., of Shamokin; Bertha, who died young; Reuben F.; John F. M., of Philadelphia; and James A. G., of Kansas City, Mo. There are four living grandchildren. Mr. Schwartz died Nov. 8, 1910, after a six months' illness, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

John F. M. Schwartz, son of J. J. W., born at Shamokin, Pa., March 4, 1880, was educated there, and spent some time in his father's office. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, was in the army ten months, and has been engaged in the brokerage business since 1899, having his offices in Philadelphia. He married Mary Fisher, of Pottsville, Pa. She was the daughter of Charles Fisher, a Civil war veteran, whose war record was as follows: Joined Company C, 96th Regt., P. V. I., at the age of fifteen years, and served under Generals McClellan, Pope, Burnside, Hooker, Meade, Sheridan and Grant. He saw service at the following battles: Gaines's Mills, Charles City, Malvern Hill, Second Battle of Bull Run, Charles Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Hacketts Mills, Wilderness, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Spottsylvania. At the latter place or battle, he was promoted to Color Sergeant and had the honor of placing the first Union flag on the enemy's

works. In so doing he was shot down and wounded, this occurring on the same day he received his promotion to Color Sergeant.

MAJ. JOHN SCHWARTZ, brother of Francis Peter and uncle of John J. W., was born in Northumberland county Oct. 27, 1793, and was ten years old when the family settled at Reading. He clerked in a local store, and became familiar with the mercantile world. Later he became interested in the iron business, and with Simon Seyfert as a partner erected the Mount Penn Furnace, in Cumru township, Berks county. He met with great success in his undertaking, and retired from business in 1858.

Major Schwartz was always a staunch Democrat, and after his retirement from business became active in his work for the party. In 1858 he was elected to Congress as an independent Democrat. He made a deep impression upon his fellow members there for his fearless championing of any measure he thought right, and a speech he made in May, 1860, on the tariff, was long remembered for its able exposition of that vexing problem. A short time afterward he was taken ill, and died in Washington in June, 1860. Both bodies of Congress adjourned at the announcement of his death, and his remains, accompanied by the sergeant-at-arms of the House and a committee, were taken to Reading, and interred in the Charles Evans cemetery.

During the war of 1812-15 Gov. Simon Snyder appointed him quartermaster of a brigade raised in Berks and adjoining counties, with the rank of major. He marched with the brigade to Baltimore, and was on duty at Camp Dupont until the threatened British invasion was averted. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Reading, and was prominent in Masonry. He was of a social nature and had many friends, while in business and public life he maintained ever a reputation for honesty and integrity that was never questioned.

PROF. MICHAEL F. KANE, who was the first principal of the Coal township high school at its establishment in 1899, has been a teacher since 1884 and throughout those years has been engaged in Coal township, where he bears a high reputation as an instructor and a citizen of the most useful and valuable type. He was born Sept. 10, 1855, at Johnstown, Pa., son of James Stewart and Mary (Breslin) Kane.

James Stewart Kane was a native of the North of Ireland, and on coming to America first settled at Johnstown, Pa. Before the breaking out of the Civil war, however, he removed to Pittsburg, and there he entered the Union service July 12, 1861, as private in Knapp's Pennsylvania Battery (E), with which he served until his death, in November, 1864, from typhoid fever. He is buried



in the National cemetery in Georgia. His army service was highly creditable, as he rose by meritorious service to the rank of second lieutenant. He married Mary Breslin, like himself a native of Ireland who came to America when young, and their marriage took place at Johnstown in 1854. Mrs. Kane died in 1870, at Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. She was the mother of four children: John, who died young; James S., now a resident of Atlantic City, N. J.; Martha, who is the wife of Robert Tole, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Michael F.

Michael F. Kane attended parochial school in Pittsburg and later was a pupil at St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, in Westmoreland county, Pa. In 1870 he came to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, to live with his uncle, Bernard Breslin, with whom he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in all for about fifteen years. He had attended public school to some extent after coming to Mount Carmel, and having retained his ambition for a higher education he took a course at the old normal in Milton taught by Prof. William Wolverton. In 1884 he began teaching, for several years having different schools in Coal township—at Bear Valley, Excelsior, Coal Run and Springfield. When the Coal township high school was established, in 1899, he was elected the first principal, which position he now fills, proving himself an educator of unusual resource, one who has been a leader in progressive methods and an exponent of the most approved modern ideas upon the training of the young. For some time Mr. Kane also discharged the duties of vice principal at his school. He is naturally one of the best known teachers in this part of Northumberland county, and he is, moreover, one of the most popular with old and young alike. His success in his profession is not only the result of special fitness for the calling of his adoption, but of unwearied preparation carried on and continued along with his experience. He has the earnest enthusiasm of the educator who follows his work because he loves it, and he makes his influence felt in every circle into which his duties call him. He is one of those teachers who have enlarged the sphere of the educator's usefulness until it now has no recognized limits, and he is respected by his co-workers and beloved by many former pupils who trace their first ambitions to his suggestion and encouragement. Mr. Kane was supervising principal of the Coal township schools for six years, and was the first to establish an organized system in the district. Principally through his efforts the schools reached their high standard of excellence.

On July 13, 1883, Mr. Kane married Sarah A. Durkin, daughter of Edward Durkin and member of a family which settled in Shamokin in the early days. Seven children were born to this union: James M., Mary A., Edward F., Gerald, Regina

(deceased), F. Cyril and Michael J. The family home is at No. 1271 Oneida street, Shamokin.

Professor Kane is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, a member in high standing of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of St. Edward, and an active member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. He also belongs to the Sons of Veterans. He is vice president of the Central Building and Loan Association of Shamokin.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK EICHHOLTZ**, one of the owners and editors of *The Sunbury Daily* and *The Northumberland County Democrat*, is a son of Jacob Ely and Rosa (Schaffle) Eichholtz.

The Eichholtz ancestors emigrated from Germany to America about 1750 and have pursued various trades. Numerous ancestors are recorded in the annals of Lancaster county as having fought in the war for independence. Rev. George Eichholtz, grandsire of William Frederick, was a Lutheran minister, whose calling took him to all parts of eastern Pennsylvania, and he died in Lycoming county, this State, in 1885, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Harriet (Ely), died in 1881. To Rev. George and Harriet Eichholtz were born eight children, four sons and four daughters. The father of Rev. George Eichholtz came to America from Germany with John Jacob Astor, with whom he was for a time engaged in the fur trade.

Jacob Ely Eichholtz was born Nov. 11, 1836, in Lebanon, Pa., second son of Rev. George and Harriet (Ely) Eichholtz. He learned the printer's trade at Mifflintown, and was engaged in newspaper work all his life, as "jour," publisher, reporter, editor and proprietor. He came to Sunbury Jan. 1, 1867, and purchased *The Northumberland County Democrat*, which publication he continued during his lifetime. On Dec. 6, 1872, he established *The Sunbury Daily*, which was one of the pioneer penny newspapers of Pennsylvania. He was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in May, 1885. He died Oct. 30, 1898. He was first married in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 19, 1860, to Harriet Erisman, who died in 1863. By this marriage he had two sons, one who died in infancy, and Herbert, who died in 1909. His second marriage, which took place in Lewisburg, Pa., Feb. 11, 1866, was to Rosa Schaffle, a member of the Lewisburg Schaffle family, of French and German descent, who emigrated to this country over a hundred years ago. Rosa (Schaffle) Eichholtz was the mother of four children, two girls and two boys; William Frederick, the third child, being the only one, however, who survived early childhood. She died May 3, 1898.

William Frederick Eichholtz is a native of Sunbury, born Aug. 12, 1872. He obtained his early





education in the common schools of the borough, graduating from the high school with the class of 1891. He entered Bucknell Academy after his graduation from the high school, and graduated from Bucknell University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. Upon graduation from college he became a member of the publishing firm of Eichholtz & Co. Through both inheritance and training he was fitted to fill the position to which he afterward fell heir.

Mr. Eichholtz holds an enviable position in Masonic circles in Sunbury, having served as Master of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., as High Priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and as Eminent Commander of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks.

DANIEL L. GRIER, postmaster at Watson-town, Northumberland Co., Pa., is a native and lifelong resident of that borough, born Oct. 24, 1859, son of Benjamin F. and Caroline (Tobias) Grier.

Benjamin F. Grier was born in 1814 in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, was a blacksmith, and followed his trade at Watson-town. He assisted in building the Pennsylvania railroad in his district. He was one of the earliest members of the Methodist Church there, and also a charter member of the local organizations of the following orders: Masons, I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias. He married Caroline Tobias, daughter of William and Sarah (Follmer) Tobias, the former a native of Berks county and member of an early settled family of that region. To Mr. and Mrs. Grier were born the following children: William, deceased; Sarah, who died young; Benjamin F., deceased; Alfred, deceased; Calvin, deceased; Oliver W., of Watson-town; Jeremiah, of Williamsport; Daniel L., of Watson-town; and Mary, deceased. Mr. Grier died Aug. 11, 1901, at the age of eighty-six years, ten months.

Daniel L. Grier was reared at Watson-town, and there received his education in the public schools. When a young man he began work with the Watson-town Planing Mill Company, was later with the Wagner-Hiles Company, of Watson-town, and was subsequently engaged in contracting for some years on his own account, in 1886-87 being contractor in the blind department of the Watson-town Planing Mill Company. He found this work congenial and profitable, and after the mill burned resumed work with the company. He was also employed by the Watson-town Door and Sash company, with which company he was connected at the time of his appointment as postmaster.

On April 12, 1905, Mr. Grier was appointed postmaster at Watson-town, to succeed the late D. C. Hoguel, receiving his commission April 15, 1905. He has filled that position continuously

since, having been reappointed under President Taft. His services are highly efficient, and appreciated by all concerned. Three rural free delivery routes start from the Watson-town post office—No. 1, going northwest; No. 2, covering territory northeast of No. 1, and No. 3, running east of town. The office is now third class, and the business has increased over two hundred dollars during Mr. Grier's time. His administration has been highly satisfactory in every respect, his conscientious effort to serve his fellow citizens faithfully being universally recognized.

On Jan. 25, 1887, Mr. Grier married May M. Lloyd, daughter of James and Susan (Straub) Lloyd, the former a merchant at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa. To this union have been born four children, namely: B. Lloyd, contractor for the Standard Steel Company, of Burnham, Pa.; Ned A., who assists his father in the post office; a son who died in infancy, and Anna Marie.

Mr. Grier is associated fraternally with the Masons (as a member of Watson-town Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.) and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He attends the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Republican, and stands well in the councils of his party, but he has never held any official position connected with the administration of borough affairs. In December, 1902, he was a candidate for county auditor, being defeated by only seventeen votes.

JOHN PHILIP OTTO, deceased, who was a resident of the borough of Northumberland from 1873 until his death, was throughout that long period engaged as a shoemaker and shoe merchant. He was one of the substantial and valuable citizens of the place, and was serving as secretary of the school board there at the time of his death.

Mr. Otto was a native of Germany. He was born on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1851, at Geldburg, Saxony, at 7:30 a. m., son of George and Catharine (Feder) Otto, who were of Hanover, Germany. His godfather was John Philip Metzger. The family came to America in 1854, locating first in New York State, four miles above Albany, where they lived for a year and a half. In 1856 they removed to the city of Philadelphia, Pa., where the parents passed the remainder of their days. George Otto dying in 1867, at the age of fifty-five. His wife died on Thanksgiving Day, in 1865, aged forty-four. Mr. Otto in Germany was known as "Herr" George Otto. He had royal blood in his veins, and was a man of rank and wealth, but lost all his possessions after coming to America. He served seven years in the German army, in which he held a colonel's commission, and while living in Geldburg, Saxony, was engaged as a butcher and hotel proprietor. He had three brothers, two of whom were John and Henry (a Lutheran minister in Saxony), and also sisters. He and his family





were Lutherans in religious faith. The following children were born to George and Catharine Otto: Gustav, of Philadelphia, who died the latter part of February, 1911; Wilhelm, who died young; Christian, who died young; Henry, who died young; John Philip; Mary, who died on the ocean while the family were en route to America (these six were born in Germany, the others in America); Peter, who died in Pueblo, Colo., several years ago; Charles, who died at Milton, Pa.; Annie, who died in the West; Harry, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., now the only survivor of the family; and Mary, who died in infancy.

John Philip Otto commenced to learn shoemaking at Pottsgrove, Northumberland Co., Pa., when he was fifteen years old. He followed the trade in Philadelphia for two years, in 1873 coming to Northumberland, in which borough he ever after made his home. He was in the shoe business all these years and prospered by industry and persevering labor, being one of the most esteemed residents of the place, where his upright and useful life won him universal good will. He was a school director for some time, being secretary of the school board at the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Otto passed away at 8 a. m. Wednesday, March 23, 1911, and was buried in Riverview cemetery March 25th.

On April 16, 1875, Mr. Otto married Mary A. Gilbert, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Teats) Gilbert, of Union county, Pa., and they had two children: Carrie M. married B. F. Merrel, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and they have a daughter, Ruth A.; Christian Herman died when seventeen years old. Mr. Otto was a Seventh Day Adventist, to which religious belief his wife also adheres.

A branch of the Otto family living at Williamsport, Pa., came from Hanover, Germany. They are extensive manufacturers of paper and give employment to a large number of people.

**LEIGHOU or LEIGHOW.** There are two families of this name in Point township, Northumberland county, descendants of Christopher Lecha, the ancestor of all the members of the Leighou branch in America. During the one hundred and thirty years that the family has been in this country the spelling of the name has undergone many changes. From the time of the arrival of the first settler until 1788 it was spelled Lecha—pronounced Lēh' yāh. By 1790 it had become Lighy. In 1809 his eldest son, at least, had changed the name to Lighou, while the younger members of the family, seemingly without exception, adopted the letter "w" for the termination. Within the next two decades an "e" was inserted before the "i" in both spellings, thus making them Leighou and Leighow. At present there is but one branch of the family retaining the "u" termination, and further, other branches, notably those of Colorado and Kentucky,

have entirely changed the spelling to the form of Lehow. The first spelling found in the Pennsylvania Archives, Leeche, is believed to be simply an unintentional mis-spelling, one of the common mistakes of that time. In the following the Roman numerals indicate the generations, beginning with Christopher, the immigrant.

It is believed that (I) Christopher Lecha came from Alsace-Lorraine, which, although German in language and customs, then belonged to France (1648-1871). Family tradition states that he came with LaFayette during the Revolution, and served under him in that war. However, the first known official mention of him is made in the Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. III, page 769, where in a military record of June 10, 1784, he is enrolled in the 8th Company, 2d Battalion, of the Northampton county militia, under command of Col. Philip Boehm. In the Third Series, Vol. XIX, page 90, it is stated that he resided in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, which is on the southern side of the Lehigh river as it empties into the Delaware. At the taking of the first census, in 1790, he still resided here, and that place is given as his home between 1790 and 1795. At this time the name had become Lighy. From this place he migrated, probably up the Lehigh, across the mountains at Wilkes-Barre and down the Susquehanna, to Danville, Pa. Here he acquired considerable tracts of land, the major portion of which he lost, just prior to his death, about 1820, due to conflicting title claims. He is buried in the Grove Presbyterian churchyard at Danville. Christopher's wife was named Rachel. They had five children, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Lewis and Tobias, the elder three having been born in Northampton county.

(II) John Lighou, son of Christopher, born March 23, 1783, in Northampton county, changed the spelling of his name from Lighy. About 1795 he came into Northumberland county with his father. On June 6, 1809, he was married by Rev. Philip Pauli, of Reading, to Sarah Weimar, who was born Feb. 20, 1787, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Lybrand) Weimar, and about this time, or earlier, he located in the Tuckahoe Valley. In 1824 he bought from John Cowden the tract of land which is now the homestead of his grandson Oscar, in Point township. This tract was known as "Martin's Valley," having been surveyed at the instance of Robert Martin, the first permanent settler of Northumberland, in 1773, and bought by John Cowden from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1822. Also, he bought the land comprising the present farms of the Edward Leighow heirs, Howard Leighow, William Geise and Mrs. Margaret Knouse. He was a member of the Unitarian Church established by Dr. Joseph Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen. In 1834 he was one of the trustees of the church who secured the property



on which the first permanent building was erected. He was a pianomaker by trade, and a few pianos made by him are still in existence about the county. It is believed that he learned the trade from Samuel Mans. He had ten children and is the ancestor of all the Leighous of Point township. Mrs. Sarah (Weimar) Lighou survived her husband a number of years, dying Jan. 31, 1841. Her father, Peter Weimar, born about 1762, was according to family tradition a direct descendant of a Duke of Saxe Weimar, Germany. He was a Justice of the Peace in the Montour Valley, Northumberland county, from 1823 to 1826. His wife, Catharine (Lybrand), was a member of a Philadelphia family. The ten children of John and Sarah (Weimar) Lighou were: Elizabeth Leighow (born March 20, 1810), John Weimar Leighow, William Henry Leighow, Henrietta Leighow (born March 16, 1815), George Augustus, Sara K., Mary Ann, James K., Charles Lybrand and Oscar Edmund.

(III) John Weimar Leighow, born March 25, 1811, died Aug. 28, 1875. He was married at East Lewisburg, Pa., to Harriet Waters, born in 1827, who died May 25, 1893. Their children were: Edward, Charles, Kate, James and Jennie. Edward, who died Jan. 31, 1910, lived at the old homestead of John Lighou in Point township; he married Annie Hamor and had one child, Aline. Charles, born April 15, 1854, removed to Colorado. Jennie lives in Los Angeles, Cal., James and Kate are dead. Kate married Henry Garman, and their son, Victor, lives in Reading, Pennsylvania.

(III) William Henry Leighow and his descendants will be mentioned more fully later.

(III) George Augustus Leighow, born July 24, 1816, married Louisa Robbins, born in 1826, who died May 24, 1893. They had children: Eugene, Sara Jane, Mary Louisa, George and Howard. The last named married Regina Ertley, and they have five children, Grace, Thomas C., Dorothy Jane, Merle A. and Hattie M. This is a Point township family. Eugene and Mary are dead; Mary married John Collins, and lives in Ohio. George is in Washington State.

(III) James K. Leighow, born Aug. 2, 1823, served in the Civil War as saddler sergeant, Company F, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry Corps. He married his second cousin, Mary Weimer, and they had two sons, both of whom are married and have children. Charles A. lives in Portland, Oregon, and C. Wallace in Oakland, California.

(III) Charles Lybrand Leighow, born May 28, 1826, moved to Colorado, and died October 6, 1874. He changed the spelling of his name to Lehow. He married Mary E. Shellabarger, and their daughter, Mrs. Charles Howard Little, lives at Xenia, Ohio.

(III) Oscar Edmund Leighow, born Jan. 29, 1829, also moved to Colorado, where he died, in Denver, March 11, 1894. He also wrote his name Lehow. He married Eloise L. Sargent, and their son, Weimar Sargent Lehow, lives in Denver.

(II) Henry Leighow, son of Christopher, born Aug. 22, 1785, died Aug. 25, 1850. He lived on a farm at Red Point (near Danville, Pa.) and later in Northumberland. In the War of 1812 he served as a private in the 81st Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1815 he married Ellen Clark, born Nov. 3, 1794, died Dec. 10, 1849, and they had children: William, Pembroke, A. Jackson, John, Henry and Mary Ellen. Of these,

(III) William Leighow, born April 4, 1817, died July 14, 1862. He married Catharine Weimar, and they had three daughters, Gemella Medora (married C. D. Bisbee, of Chicago), Margaret Helen (married S. B. Morgan, of Watsonstown, Pa.) and Anna Jean (married J. H. Tracy, of Salt Lake City).

(III) Pembroke Leighow, born Feb. 20, 1825, died March 17, 1895. He married Elizabeth A. Sanner and had four children: (1) James married Margaret Messenger and lived in Woodland, Clearfield Co., Pa. They had three children, Emma E., Oscar M. and Margaret; the two last named are married and have children. (2) Charles, unmarried, lives in Haldeman, Rowan Co., Ky. (3) Henry Kellar married in November, 1886, Elizabeth Ulrich, and lives in Haldeman, Ky.; he had five children. (4) Mary Ann, unmarried, lives in Haldeman.

(III) Andrew Jackson Leighow, born Sept. 12, 1828, died May 27, 1890. His wife, Rebecca, born in 1834, died Feb. 20, 1908. They had five children: Harry Pierce, who died unmarried; John, who died in infancy; Clinton, who died Feb. 9, 1910 (he married and had two children, Harry Pierce and Rebecca); Martin, a twin of Clinton, who died in infancy; and Mary Ellen, who married Charles Allen Graves and lives in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

(II) Elizabeth Leighow, daughter of Christopher, born about 1789, married Henry Dale, the ancestor of the Dales of Northumberland, Pa. They lived first at the present site of the Stone Mill, in Point township.

(II) Lewis Leighow, son of Christopher, born Oct. 29, 1799, died March 22, 1845. He was married twice, marrying first Theodosia Gulick and (second) Mrs. Sara Jane Cousert, nee Ammerman. His descendants are living principally in Montour and Columbia counties, Pa. His children were: Charles B., Rachel, Hugh, George M., Mary E. and William Henry. Of these,

(III) Charles B. Leighow, born Feb. 10, 1827, married Sarah Ernest, and lives in Danville, Pa.





They have six children: Clarence, married and living in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (no children); Clara; Margaret; Elizabeth; Alice, and Lucinda.

(III) George-M. Leighow, born Dec. 31, 1837, a half brother of Charles, served a term as county commissioner of Montour county, 1902-1905. He married Sarah Elizabeth Ephlin, and they have eight children, namely: William is married and lives in Chelsea, Oklahoma; Oscar, married, lives at Catawissa, Pa.; Annie is married; Frank, married, lives at Lime Ridge, Pa.; Edward is unmarried; Ella is married; Morris and Ralph are both married and living in Danville, Pa. The members of this family live in Danville, and Bloomsburg and that vicinity.

(III) William Henry Leighow, born June 24, 1844, married Margaret Catharine Barr. They have had seven children: Lafayette, Walter, Jennie, Laura, Edith, Maud and Margaret. They live at Millville, Pennsylvania.

(II) Tobias Leighow, son of Christopher, had a son John.

(III) John Leighow, son of Tobias, married Margaret Ernest (sister of the wife of his cousin Charles), and they had children Michael and Martha. The former lives in Northumberland, Pa., is married to Lizzie Rishel, and has two children, Ethel Claire and Paul Gernon.

(III) William Henry Leighow, son of John and grandson of Christopher, born Feb. 13, 1814, inserted the "e" in the spelling of the name and was the only member of his family to preserve the "ou" termination. He was a farmer; and his homestead in Point township is now owned by his son Oscar, having been in the family considerably over one hundred years. For a time he lived in the house erected by Dr. Joseph Priestley, at Northumberland. In partnership with Grant Taggart he conducted a general merchandise store there, in the building now standing on the northeast corner of Queen and First streets, which building they erected. Mr. Leighow had various interests, and was one of the first directors of the old First National Bank of Northumberland, organized in 1864. He was a man of public spirit and served the community faithfully in official capacities; being jury commissioner of the county from 1876 to 1879, and a member of the school board of Northumberland borough for many years. In 1875 he was president of the board, and he was later a director of the Point township schools. It was during his period of service that the present eleven-room building was erected. He taught, when a young man, in No. 2 building, Point township. In 1858 he moved to the farm, where Oscar Leighow now lives. He bought from Messrs. Voris, Foust, Weakley and Forsythe the farm now the property of Mrs. Anna Leighow. Mr. Leighow died Nov. 18, 1881, and is buried in the cemetery at Northumberland. He was one of the assembly

which organized the Baptist church of Northumberland, July 7, 1842.

On May 29, 1838, Mr. Leighow married Lourissa Vastine (for genealogy of Lourissa Vastine see page 728), who was born Aug. 29, 1817, daughter of Jeremiah Vastine, and died May 24, 1894. Their six children were born as follows: Elizabeth, Aug. 25, 1841; Arthur, Aug. 29, 1846; Vastine, Oct. 8, 1851; Oscar, Aug. 10, 1855; William H., Dec. 28, 1858; Benjamin R., June 11, 1861.

(IV) Arthur Leighow, son of William Henry, born Aug. 29, 1846, married Eliza S. Welliver, and lives at White Hall, Montour Co., Pa. They have six children: Benjamin A., who married Carrie Cooper, and has one son; Amos Vastine; Isaiah James; William E.; Mary Jane; and Cyrus George.

(IV) Vastine Leighow, son of William Henry, born Oct. 8, 1851, died in January, 1904. He married Mrs. Mary (Eckert) Smith. Had no children.

(IV) William Henry Leighow, Jr., son of William Henry, born Dec. 28, 1858, died in January, 1906, unmarried.

(IV) Benjamin R. Leighow, son of William Henry, born June 11, 1861, died Feb. 18, 1895. He married Anna Shaffer, but left no children.

(IV) Oscar Leighow, son of William Henry, born Aug. 10, 1855, at Northumberland, attended the elementary and high schools there and later was a student of Freeburg Academy. He taught for sixteen years, in the Northumberland High and Point township schools, beginning in 1873 at No. 1 building in Point township, and he has taught in all the buildings in the district except No. 4; he was engaged in the borough for two years. Meantime in 1877, he commenced farming in Point township, and has ever since followed that vocation there, having 170 acres of fertile land, devoted to general crops. The present set of buildings upon the property have been erected by him. Mr. Leighow has always ranked among the most intelligent and progressive men of his section. For twenty-one consecutive years he has filled the office of township assessor, to which he was first elected in 1885. He is president of the local telephone company, which secured rural service for the district; was for many years master of the local Grange; and in these and various other associations has proved himself one of the most capable and useful citizens of his locality. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

On Dec. 27, 1876, Mr. Leighow was married, at Selinsgrove, Pa., by Rev. Emory L. Swartz, Methodist Episcopal minister, to Hannah Mary Leshor (for genealogy see page 728), who was born May 12, 1856, at Pine Creek, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of Robert Alexander and Sarah (Vandling) Leshor, and seven children have been born





to this union: Estella May; Lourissa Vastine; Robert Benjamin, mentioned below; Sallie; John Vandling; Paul Henry; and Catharine Emma. The first five graduated from the Northumberland High school, while the latter two are now attending. Estella, Lourissa, Robert and Sallie graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School, all in the Class of 1902, and have been teaching ever since—Estella and Lourissa in Point township; Sallie has taught several years in the Northumberland High school. John took two years' work at Bucknell University and is now a student in forestry at Pennsylvania State College.

(V) Robert Benjamin Leighou, son of Oscar, was born March 28, 1882, in Point township. He was graduated in 1906, in the General Science course, from Bucknell University, having specialized in chemistry. He was chosen as one of the ten speakers at Commencement, and was awarded the Hollopeter prize—the first prize in chemistry. The following year he taught in the Mansfield State Normal School, as Head of the Department of Chemistry and Organic Science, and was later employed as first assistant chemist for the National Tube Company, of McKeesport, Pa. In 1907 he was appointed to the position of Head of the Department of Chemistry of Materials, in the School of Applied Industries, of the Carnegie Technical Schools, Pittsburgh, which position he now holds. On Aug. 12, 1908, he was married at Auburn, N. Y., to Bertha Emily Jones. They have one child, Christine Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1909.

**VASTINE.** The Vastine family is descended from Abraham Van de Woestyne, who with his three children, John, Catherine and Hannah, left Holland in the seventeenth century and crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, landing at New York (then New Amsterdam) in 1690. They soon crossed over into New Jersey. About the time William Penn founded Philadelphia they came into Pennsylvania, and in 1698 we find them in Germantown, where the daughters, Catherine and Hannah, joined the Friends.

John Van de Woestyne, son of Abraham, was born in Holland May 24, 1678, and came to America with his father, landing at New Amsterdam in 1690. Records show him living in 1698 in Germantown, Pa., where he owned real estate. He purchased several tracts of land from one Jeremiah Langhorn, in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., whither he moved about 1720, being one of the pioneers in that county. He was very influential in the opening of roads there, and his name, which appears on a number of official papers and documents on record in Bucks county, is found on many petitions pertaining to roads and improvements in Hilltown township. There he erected a granite dwelling along the pike leading from Philadelphia to Bethlehem. It stood, as was the

custom in that day, with its gable to the road, fronting south, at a point two miles north of Line Lexington and four miles southwest from Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa. On the above mentioned old petitions for the opening of roads the name is spelled Van de Woestyne, which has changed gradually, to Van Styne and then to Vastine—its present form. It has also been found in the forms Voshne and Vashtine. The name in Dutch meant "forest," hence the early settlers often called John Van de Woestyne "Wilderness." John Van de Woestyne died at Hilltown Feb. 9, 1738; his wife, Abigail, survived him some time. They were the parents of five children, as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772, in Hilltown. He married Sara Buckman, and they were the parents of five daughters: Abigail, married to Andrew Armstrong; Ruth, married to James Armstrong; Mary, married to Robert Jameson; Rachel, married to Hugh Mears; and Sara, married to Samuel Wilson. Thus far we have been unable to learn anything about their descendants. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in Hilltown in November, 1769. He and his wife Debora were the parents of one son and two daughters: Jeremiah (whose wife's name was Elizabeth) died in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa., in April, 1778; Martha married John Louder; Hannah married Samuel Greshom. (3) Benjamin, born July 1, 1703, died Aug. 17, 1749. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, Pa., unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and removed to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Abigail, was the progenitor of the family in Northumberland county, Pa. He became a member of the Friends Meeting, and at one of the meetings held in 1730 in Philadelphia requested permission to hold meetings in his house. About 1738 he married Mary Griffith, and their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, as follows: Hannah married Erasmus Kelly; John married Rachel Morgan; Abraham married Elizabeth Williams; Benjamin married Catherine Eaton (he died in September, 1775); Jonathan married Elizabeth Lewis; Isaac married Sara Matthews; Amos married Martha Thomas.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, was born about 1747 at Hilltown, Bucks county. With his nephew Peter, who was also his son-in-law, he came to Northumberland county, Pa., first to Shamokin, then to the territory south of Danville, where they purchased large farms (and erected buildings), the former about six hundred acres where later Valentine Epler lived, and the latter three hundred acres near that of his uncle. The original deeds for Jonathan Vastine's land are in the possession of Mrs. Elisha Campbell, of South Danville. Jona-





than, like his father, was a member of the Society of Friends. He died about 1833 and is buried in the old Quaker burying ground at Catawissa, Pa. About 1770 he married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of John and Anna Lewis, and their union was blessed by the birth of five sons and three daughters, as follows: Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant; Ann married Thomas Robbins; Hannah married Peter, son of Benjamin Vastine; Mary married William Marsh; John married Catharine Osmun; Jeremiah married Elizabeth Reader; Thomas died unmarried; Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughes.

John Vastine, second son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Catharine Osmun, and they had four sons and two daughters: William married Elizabeth Hursh; Amos married Susan Lurch; Margaret married Charles Heffley; Sarah Ann married Robert Campbell; Thomas married Lena Vought; and John, after winning his way through the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, and beginning practice, died aged nineteen.

In the family of William and Elizabeth (Hursh) Vastine there were eight children, as follows: Amos, Jacob, Hugh, Simon, Ezra, Elizabeth, Ellen and Daniel.

The children of Amos, the eldest son of William and Elizabeth (Hursh) Vastine, were: Elizabeth, who died in 1879, aged twenty-one years; William, born Oct. 29, 1859; Laura; John Hursh and Ella K., twins; and Amos Beeber.

Of these, William, the eldest son, a progressive and influential citizen of Danville, Pa., married Boone Gearhart, born March 4, 1859. They have two daughters, Katharine G. and Elizabeth Boone Vastine.

Jeremiah Vastine, third son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, was born July 30, 1780, and died Sept. 22, 1840. He owned a farm in Rush township, near Elysburg, Pa. He was married April 8, 1802, by John Patton, to Elizabeth Reader, who was born Oct. 27, 1782, and died June 21, 1860. They had a family of two sons and three daughters, as follows: Jonathan died single; Mary married C. Fisher; Margaret married Daniel Robbins; Lourissa married William Henry Leighou, and they were the parents of Oscar Leighou, of Point township; Thomas married Eliza Reader, and one of their children was named Catharine (the others are not known).

**LESHER.** The Leshers trace back to George Loesch, born about 1700, who married Anna Christina Wallborn, and lived at Tulpehocken, fifteen miles from Reading. Their daughter, Maria Catharine Loesch, born May 12, 1730, married Johannas Lischer, who was born Nov. 28, 1719, at Wittgenstein, Hesse, Germany, where his father died, Johannas subsequently coming to

America with his widowed mother. Sailing from Rotterdam on the ship "Hope," he landed at Philadelphia Sept. 23, 1734. His parents were Mennonites. His marriage to Maria Catharine Loesch took place April 16, 1759, in the Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. He died May 12, 1782, she on May 10, 1802.

Johan Georg Leshers, son of Johannas and Maria Catharine (Loesch) Lischer, was born in Berks county April 6, 1768. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he followed farming, and died Nov. 1, 1823. He is buried in the Riverview cemetery, Northumberland, Pa., and the inscription upon his tombstone reads:

Adieu my friends, dry up your tears;  
I must lie here till Christ appears.

On June 25, 1786, he married Anna Flickinger, who was born May 22, 1762, and died Oct. 24, 1841. They are interred in Lot 23. He was a Lutheran in religion. Their children were: Michael, who settled at Newfane, near Lockport, N. Y., where he had an eighty-acre farm, and later moved West (he had children); (John) George; William, whose death was caused by the bite of a mad dog (he was unmarried); Mrs. Crites, and other daughters.

John George Leshers, son of Johan Georg and Anna (Flickinger) Leshers, was born Oct. 20, 1792, and spent all his life in Point township, where he was a farmer throughout his active years. He owned 240 acres of land, of which 201 acres are still in the family name and owned by his son Charles M. He died in Point township, on what is now the farm of his son Charles, Jan. 16, 1866, aged seventy-three years, two months, twenty-six days, and is buried in the Leshers plot in Riverview cemetery. He and his wife, Catharine (Robbins), were Presbyterians in religious belief. She was a daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Hulheiser) Robbins, of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and died Oct. 22, 1869, aged seventy-five years, seven months, two days. Her father, Daniel Robbins, was a man of extraordinary physical strength, which he retained even during the latter period of his life. He died aged 106 years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leshers, as follows: Robert A., born Oct. 19, 1817; Daniel, born Sept. 8, 1819; Lucy Ann, born April 21, 1822; Mary, born April 2, 1824; Sarah J., born Sept. 17, 1826; George, born Nov. 28, 1827; William, born Feb. 14, 1831, who died May 29, 1896; John, born Aug. 12, 1833; and Charles M., born Aug. 28, 1836, the youngest being now the only survivor.

Robert Alexander Leshers, son of John George and Hannah Catharine (Robbins) Leshers, was born Oct. 19, 1817, in Tuckahoe Valley, and died April 3, 1903. A boat builder and lumber mer-





chant, he built the boat used to carry the first locomotive from Harrisburg to Port Trevorton (Herndon), to be used on the Shamokin & Port Trevorton railroad. Later he established a home-stead on Blue Hill. He was not only a progressive, scientific farmer, but was also prominent in the public affairs of his locality. He was the last surviving member of the first fire company organized in Northumberland. On March 22, 1853, he was married at Lewisburg, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Conser, to Sarah (Sallie) Vandling, who was born June 30, 1833, at Northumberland, Pa., and died Jan. 10, 1907. Their daughter, Hannah Mary, became the wife of Oscar Leighou.

Henry Wendling, immigrant ancestor of Mrs. Sarah (Vandling) Leshner, came to this country about 1765. In the course of time the name Wendling came to be written Vandling.

John Vandling, son of Henry, married Catharine Rhodenbach.

John Vandling, son of John and Catharine (Rhodenbach) Vandling, was born June 3, 1800. He was a man of remarkable stature, six feet, three inches in height, and weighed as much as 240 pounds. A school teacher for many years, he taught for a long period at No. 4 school in Point township. Later he lived in Harrisburg, where he died. On Feb. 12, 1824, he was married at Mooresburg, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Gutelius, a German Reformed minister, to Susan Douty, who was born Oct. 26, 1799. Their daughter Sarah became the wife of Robert Alexander Leshner and the mother of Mrs. Hannah Mary (Leshner) Leighou.

Henry Baldi Douty, grandfather of Mrs. Susan (Douty) Vandling, was a Huguenot refugee who came from France with his father and brother and located at an early date in Lancaster county, Pa. "Two sons are definitely known, namely: Nicholas and Henry Baldi Douty, both of whom were born in France. The former removed to the mouth of Seneca Lake in New York (present Geneva), and the latter, who was an accomplished scholar and schoolmaster, was one of the first residents of Milton, Pa. He suddenly disappeared in 1790, and was supposed to have been murdered." (From "Memorials of the Huguenots in America," by Stapleton, page 97.) Henry Baldi Douty married Elizabeth Cooper.

John Douty, son of Henry Baldi Douty, was married Jan. 21, 1799, to Mary Martz, daughter of Peter and Susanna (Brown) Martz. Their daughter Susan married John Vandling.

**ROSSITER.** Charles E. and William M. Rossiter, brothers, of Sunbury, are identified with the industrial life of that borough in important capacities, the former the only florist ever established there, the latter holding a responsible position at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, where he has won recognition by eminent ability and the practical

application of his wide knowledge and experience as an engineer.

Thomas Rossiter, the first of this family of whom we have record, lived in Brush Valley, Pa., in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and it appears that he was an officer of the Revolutionary army during the hard winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. On Dec. 28, 1780, Thomas Rossiter appeared as a soldier of the fourth class on the muster roll of Capt. Sampson Thomas's company. It seems the time of service was classified into several parts, Thomas Rossiter's name appearing both times. On the muster roll of the Charlestown company of militia, for the last part of the Revolutionary period, 1782, in the list of Capt. Samuel Roberts' company, appears the name of Thomas Rossiter marked "cripple." There was also a Daniel Rossiter on the muster roll of Capt. Sampson Thomas' company on Dec. 28, 1780, a soldier of the third class, and some relationship evidently existed between him and Thomas; tradition says they were brothers. They were always of the same company, and except that Daniel is mentioned as a soldier of the third class, and Thomas as a soldier of the fourth class, their records, which appear in Vol. V, 5th Series of Pennsylvania Archives, are identical.

While at Valley Forge Thomas Rossiter was taken sick, and one Betsy Coats (who was a sister of ex-Governor Pennypacker's grandmother) became his nurse. She was not only an able nurse, but a lady of most pleasing personality, and the attachment formed during his illness became so strong that after the war they married and they settled on one of her father's farms in the vicinity of Valley Forge. They lived and died in that region, and are buried there. Their son, Thomas Rossiter, Jr., when seventeen years old hired out to a Quaker farmer in the neighborhood, a man named VanDerslice, among whose children was a daughter Rachel, then only three years old. The youth became so attached to her that one night he asked her father if he might marry her provided he waited until she became of suitable age, and the father replied, "Thee may." When she reached the age of eighteen they were duly married, and they lived and died in the neighborhood, where their remains rest in the Friends' burying ground at what is known as the Corner Stores. They were farming people all their lives. All their family, which consisted of six sons and one daughter, were six feet or over in height, in this respect taking after their father, who stood six feet, three inches. A blacksmith by trade, his great strength was developed to an unusual extent, and he once, on a wager, cut a five-acre field of rye before breakfast. When he was eighty years old he was visited by his son Morris, who then lived at Sunbury, and such was his strength even at that advanced age that he lifted a 100-pound anvil with one hand and threw it into the street; and at that



age he "skinned the cat" on the branch of an elm tree. He never knew what sickness was by personal experience throughout his long life, dying at the age of eighty-seven. Of his children, Lewis died at Phoenixville, Pa., when eighty-three years old; Ellis died at Phoenixville when about eighty-six; Thomas lived and died at Phoenixville; Joseph lived near Phoenixville; Morris was the father of Charles E. and William M. Rossiter.

Morris Rossiter was born in 1829 at Valley Forge. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and though not acceptable as a soldier during the Civil war because not physically strong he gave able and patriotic assistance to his country helping to make cannon at the Phoenixville rolling mills. At the close of the war, in 1865, he settled in Sunbury, Northumberland county, working for the Northern Central Railroad Company at that point until the road changed hands, becoming the property of the Pennsylvania & Erie Company, by which he was employed until obliged to give up work at his trade on account of failing health. Becoming a market gardener, he found that business successful and profitable, and followed it for nine years, his sons Charles and Harry assisting him. He died at Sunbury in 1892, and was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a Methodist in religious connection, and politically a staunch Republican. He married Margaret Fullmer, daughter of Ezekiel Fullmer, and to them were born four children, three sons and one daughter: Annie, who married Samuel Stroh, a blacksmith, of Sunbury; Charles Ellis; Harry E., born in 1864, at Lumberville, near Phoenixville, Pa., now living at Sunbury; and William Morris. The mother, who still survives, is now (1910) seventy-five years old.

CHARLES ELLIS ROSSITER was born Aug. 29, 1861, at historic Valley Forge, and came to Sunbury with his parents in the fall of 1865. He received his education in the public schools of the borough. Mr. Rossiter worked for his father until the latter's death, and he has been employed in the florist business ever since old enough to be of any assistance, having sold his first flower when only twelve years old. The first in Sunbury to engage in this line, he is so far the only florist that has ever done business in the borough, and his business has expanded to such an extent that he now has 28,000 feet of glass in his greenhouses, which are modern in every respect and thoroughly adapted to the needs of his trade. He ships considerable out of the borough, having a wide patronage, and gives employment to from three to eight men, according to the season. Mr. Rossiter is a man of executive ability, thoroughly acquainted with the business side of the industry as well as with its technical work, and he has accordingly developed his establishment into a representative modern plant, which is a credit to his enterprise and to the

community in which it is located. His establishment is at No. 351 Walnut street.

Though a busy man, Mr. Rossiter has found time to cultivate his taste for taxidermy, and there are a number of specimens of his skill in that line in his office.

In June, 1887, Mr. Rossiter married Blanche R. King, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Croman) King, of Hughesville, later of Sunbury, where Mr. King died in 1908; he was a veteran of the Civil war, during which he participated in thirty-eight engagements. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter: Grace, who has taught school in Sunbury for two terms and is now a student at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg; Morris, a graduate of Sunbury high school, now attending State College; Frank, a member of the class of 1911, Sunbury high school; Sarah; Helen, and Paul.

Mr. Rossiter is a Methodist in religious faith, and he is a pillar of his church, one of the working members and at present holding office. He is independent in politics, voting according to the dictates of his conscience.

WILLIAM MORRIS ROSSITER was born July 8, 1873, in Sunbury, and there received his literary education, in the public schools. Later he took a correspondence course in mechanical engineering at a Chicago school, and he is also an accomplished man in various branches of electrical science. In his youth he became associated with his father in the florist business, working in that line at different times until he reached the age of twenty-one. Then he became employed in the steel business, being with Ludwig Rockwell & Son for two years. He was engaged in the manufacture of bicycles, during 1897 devoting himself to the production of the "Eclipse" wheel. His next venture was in the coal and ice business in Sunbury, dredging coal out of the Susquehanna. Since the fall of 1902 he has been associated with the Susquehanna Silk Mills. His first position with this important industrial concern was as machinist, after which he was appointed master mechanic, and he has since been promoted to mechanical architectural engineer at this large establishment. Mr. Rossiter showed such ability along the line of architectural engineering while acting as mechanical engineer, and developed such aptitude in making practicable and valuable plans, that he came to be intrusted with all the architectural and electrical engineering at the plant as well as his original responsibilities. His plans and estimates were so skillfully made, and the construction so ably supervised, that his accuracy regarding the cost was a matter of astonishment to his employers, who have shown rare appreciation of his ability. The dye house of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, constructed in the summer of 1910, is therefore a monument to his genius, as the entire construction of this building of monolithic concrete, costing \$60,000, was





placed in his hands. It is a one-story structure, 150 by 220 feet in dimensions, and has a double cement roof with three-inch air chamber. During the erection of this building he had 120 men under his charge. Ordinarily he has thirty-five. He is of an inventive mind, making extensive improvements on textile machinery, and has been allowed and granted patents on some of his inventions. Mr. Rossiter is a self-made man, having risen to position and prosperity by his own efforts, and he is a hard worker, deserving the good fortune that has come to him. Like his brother, he is a taxidermist of ability, and although he has many other cares he has done considerable work in this line in his leisure hours. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club at Sunbury.

On Oct. 11, 1899, Mr. Rossiter married Ella B. Gross, daughter of Isaac M. and Amelia (Hancock) Gross, who own the historic Fort Augusta property, the fort dating from 1756. More complete mention of the Gross family will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter have had six children, Jane, Gertrude, Monroe, Mary, William and Marcello. The family occupy a beautiful residence on North Front street. They are members of the Reformed Church.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Rossiter was in the service as a member of Company I, 1st Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers, a regiment composed of engineers of all descriptions, civil, mechanical, electrical, etc., assembled by special act of Congress, and containing men from every section of the United States. This regiment numbered 1,100 strong, sturdy men, selected from nearly six thousand applicants. They were encamped at Camp Townsend, Peekskill, N. Y., where the regiment was mobilized and mustered. They embarked from New York Aug. 6, 1898, and arrived in Porto Rico ten days later. This regiment was part of General Miles's expedition, made extensive surveys of the island, built bridges and roads, erected ice plants and waterworks and put things in general in good sanitary condition.

REV. GEORGE KOPENHAVER, of Mahanoy, Northumberland county, a clergyman of the Reformed denomination, has five churches in his present charge: St. Peter's, at Mahanoy; Himmel's, at Reback; St. Paul's, at Urban; Zion's, at Herndon, and St. David's, at Hebe. He is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born Dec. 14, 1872.

The first known ancestor of the Koppenheffer (name variously spelled) family was Thomas Koppenheffer, a resident of Heidelberg township, Lebanon Co., Pa., who died there prior to 1762. He left a wife and the following children: Henry, Michael, Simon, Thomas (who in 1808 resided in Bethel township), Regina (married John Tice), Eve and Catharine.

Henry Koppenheffer, son of Thomas, was old and feeble when he died, in August, 1807. He left a wife, Catharine, and children: Henry, Elizabeth, Catharine, Eve, Margaret, Barbara and Christina. *in Henry Houtz*

One Christopher Koppenheffer (probably a brother of Thomas) died in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, in September, 1785, leaving a wife, Barbara (Snebely), and a daughter, Catharine, who married Christ. Ley, of Heidelberg township.

Jonathan Koppenheffer, grandfather of Rev. George E., is buried at St. John's Church, near Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was a farmer. His wife's maiden name was Hepner, and their children were: Emanuel, George, John, Moses, Emeline (married), Sarah (married Elias Schaub), Catharine (married William Matter), Emma (married Henry Witmer) and Mary (married Simon Lahr).

John Koppenheffer, son of Jonathan, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., in August, 1838. He was reared to farm life and began farming for himself in Mifflin township, where he continued to be so engaged for some twelve years. He served during the latter part of the Civil war, in an infantry regiment. In 1905 he retired to Vera Cruz, where he enjoys the comforts he deserves after a well spent life. He is a Republican and was school director of Lower Mahanoy township a number of years, and always was a strong advocate of education. He has reared a most creditable family, two of his sons being in the ministry, and one a farmer on the homestead. His wife, Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Lucetta (Schrefler) Moyer, died Oct. 31, 1905, aged sixty-six years, six months, three days. They had ten children: Lillie, Mrs. D. W. Erb; Laura, Mrs. Ephraim Witmer; Lizzie, Mrs. Jonathan H. Witmer; Annie, Mrs. H. M. L. Bohner; Carrie, Mrs. William Weaver; Mabel, Mrs. Monroe Phillips; Mary (twin of Mabel), Mrs. Jacob Dreibelbies; Rev. H. Grant, who was stationed at North Carolina; Rev. George E., and William L.

George E. Koppenhaver was but one year of age when his parents came to Mifflin township, Dauphin county, where they lived about one year. Then they settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where their son George E. received his early education in the public schools. He then attended a summer normal school at Dalmatia, and at the age of eighteen years was licensed to teach school by Prof. W. C. Bloom, then superintendent of schools of Northumberland county. He taught his first term at Washington schoolhouse, in Lower Mahanoy township, and also another term in the same township, at Vera Cruz (Malta P. O.). While teaching he took a spring term in Central Pennsylvania College and in the spring of 1894 entered Ursinus Academy, the following year entering the





collegiate department, from which he was graduated in June, 1899. He took a post-graduate course there and was an instructor in the academic department for two years, after which he taught the Winfield (Md.) Academy one year. In 1902 he entered the Ursinus School of Theology, then located at No. 3262 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, but now affiliated with Tiffin Seminary and located at Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in Philadelphia in 1905, and his first charge was at McAdoo, Pa., where he was stationed about two years. He was then called to a large field at Ringtown, in the same county, preaching there sixteen months, when he received a call from the Mahanoy charge, which he has since served. He has over five hundred members at these five churches to look after, and is a conscientious and effective worker. He has resided with his family at Mahanoy since 1908. Mr. Kopenhaver is a close student of the Scriptures, and he has a good working library.

In 1901 Mr. Kopenhaver married Cora A. Witmer, daughter of Ephraim and Harriet (Hain) Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township. Mrs. Kopenhaver taught school in that township for a period of nine years. She is an intelligent, capable woman, an ideal minister's helpmate. Mr. and Mrs. Kopenhaver have three children: Ralph W., Hannah J. and Mary E.

Benneville Koppenhaffer, a citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, whose home is along the Mahantango creek, was born Aug. 25, 1829, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Radel) Koppenhaffer, and grandson of Michael Koppenhaffer (also spelled Koppenhaver), who lived in the Lykens Valley, where he operated a large farm, and where he died about 1831, aged seventy-one years. He is buried at St. John's Church, near Berrysburg. His wife, Catharine Garret, died some years after her husband. They had the following children: Michael, John, Jonathan, George, Daniel, Benjamin, Catharine, Betsy and Sarah.

Benjamin Koppenhaffer, son of Michael, was born Feb. 22, 1801, and died April 10, 1871. His wife, Hannah Radel, was a daughter of John Radel. Mr. Koppenhaffer was a farmer in the Lykens Valley, where he owned a tract of eighty acres. His latter years he spent with his son Benneville, dying at Vera Cruz. He was a member of St. John's Union Church of Berrysburg, where he held various church offices, he and his wife later belonging to the Vera Cruz Church. She later married John A. Snyder, being his third wife. To Benjamin Koppenhaffer and his wife were born five sons and three daughters: Joel, David, Henry, John, Benneville, Dinah (married John Lehman), Mary Ann (died unmarried) and Sallie (married John Miller).

Benneville Koppenhaffer was born and reared in

Mittlin township, in the Lykens Valley. He learned blacksmithing and followed that trade for thirty years at different places while he was young, later having a shop along the Mahantango creek, on the Dauphin county side. He then purchased his present eighty-one-acre farm on the Northumberland county side of the Mahantango creek, and there farmed until his retirement, in 1898, being succeeded by his son Benneville, Jr. He is a Democrat and was a school director of Lower Mahanoy township for six years. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Vera Cruz Church, which he served as deacon and elder.

On Jan. 1, 1854, Mr. Koppenhaffer married Susan Witmer, daughter of Michael Witmer, and to them have been born twelve children: Catharine, married to Isaac Snyder; Anna, married to Daniel Snyder; Matilda, who married Philip Zerbe and (second) Philip Updegrove; Sarah, who died unmarried; Emma, married to Daniel Snyder (no relative to the others); John; Isaac; Benneville; William; Jacob, who died aged seven years; and two daughters, who died young.

PETER CLEMENT, the ancestor of a numerous posterity who now reside in Northumberland county, many writing the name Clemens, was a native of Berks county, Pa., born in that part now included in Schuylkill county; and there lived in Pine Grove township. Coming to Northumberland county, he settled in the vicinity of Augustaville, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there followed farming. He died in 1817, when about forty-six years old, and is buried at the old Augustaville Union Church. His wife, Sophia Kramer, born Sept. 16, 1781, survived him many years, dying Feb. 18, 1854, and she, too, is buried at the Augustaville Church. They had children as follows: Samuel, who lived and died at Sunbury, was a boat contractor and builder, his nephew, Benjamin, working for him some years (he had two children, Nelson and another); Michael died young; Abraham is mentioned below; Jacob and John settled at Harrisburg; Peter is mentioned below; Hannah went out West, where she married, lived and died.

Peter Clement, son of Peter, born Dec. 25, 1813, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, did laboring work, and owned a few acres of land upon which he lived, located about two miles north of Herndon. This home his grandson, Francis Clement, now owns and occupies. Peter Clement was a Lutheran in religious faith. He died March 8, 1854, and was buried in a private graveyard in Jackson township, near Deppen's schoolhouse, but later he was re-interred at Peiffer's United Evangelical Church, at Mandata. His wife, Rebecca (Adams), born Jan. 28, 1814, died Aug. 26, 1864. They were the parents of the following children: Benjamin; Abraham; Isaac; Jere-



miah; Peter; Samuel; Mary, who married John Hile; Lovina, who married James Wetzel; and Abbie, who married Daniel Reitz.

Benjamin Clement, son of Peter and Rebecca (Adams) Clement, was born in Jackson township, and was reared by Benjamin Heim and wife, who had stood sponsors for him at his baptism; he was named Benjamin after Mr. Heim. The Heims had no children, and after they died Benjamin Clement became the owner of their eighty-acre farm, where he settled in 1861 and passed the remainder of his life, cultivating it from the time of his marriage until his death. His widow and three of his children still make their home on that place, which is in Jackson township. Mr. Clement learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed during his earlier life. He died in Jackson township Jan. 19, 1909, aged seventy-four years, four months, seventeen days. He was a member of Peifer's United Evangelical Church, which he served officially, and he and his wife are buried at that church. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was quite active in public affairs, serving as supervisor and overseer of the poor of Jackson township. His wife, Mary (Brower), was a daughter of Nathan Brower, of Jackson township. They had a family of eight children: Ira B. is mentioned later; Jane married Oliver Leffler; Flora married Harvey Hess; Howard is a resident of Herndon, Pa.; Daniel died Dec. 20, 1898, aged twenty-six years, eight months, twelve days; Francis is mentioned later; Bertha and Amanda are both unmarried, and they and their brother Francis continue to make their home on the old place.

IRA B. CLEMENT, son of Benjamin, is engaged in farming in Rockefeller township, where he has a valuable place of 135 acres. He is a native of Jackson township, born Sept. 2, 1863, and was reared to farming, in his early manhood hiring out among farmers until he reached the age of twenty-five. In the spring of 1889 he began farming for himself on the Daniel Holshue farm, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was a tenant for fifteen years. He then farmed the Israel Byerly place near Hickory Corners, in the same township, for a period of two years, in the spring of 1906 moving to his present farm, in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the Jared Snyder place. Mrs. Clement was reared on this farm. It is nicely located and in an excellent state of cultivation, Mr. Clement being an intelligent, industrious farmer, ranking among the substantial citizens of his township. He is serving at present as one of the members of the school board. Mr. Clement is a Democrat in political matters, and he is a member of Peifer's Evangelical Church at Mandata. His wife is a member of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rockefeller township.

On Sept. 14, 1889, Mr. Clement married Ella Snyder, daughter of Jared and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Snyder, and they have a family of four children: Mary, Amanda, Mabel and Samuel.

FRANCIS CLEMENT, son of Benjamin, was born Dec. 8, 1875, in Jackson township, was reared on the homestead, and has followed farming there all his days. He now owns the old homestead place, the property at present comprising sixty-eight acres, and is regarded as one of the thoroughly progressive young agriculturists of his district. Peter Clement, his grandfather, built the barn on this farm, and the other buildings were erected by Benjamin Clement, father of the present owner. On Oct. 11, 1908, Francis Clement married Alice Tressler, daughter of William Tressler, of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are members of the United Evangelical Church (Peifer's) at Mandata.

Abraham Clement, another son of Peter, the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born April 6, 1816, in Lower Augusta township, where he lived for a time, later moving to Milton and thence to Mooresburg. He was a miller by trade, and followed farming also, living with his son Peter, however, for some years before his death. He died in Point township, where his son Peter now lives, March 27, 1895, aged seventy-nine years less eleven days, and is buried at the Oak Grove Church in Montour county. His wife, Lucy Ann (Heilman), was a daughter of Daniel Heilman, of Lower Augusta township, and died when sixty-three years of age. She, too, is buried at Oak Grove Church. Fourteen children were born to this couple: Peter; Sophia, born March 16, 1843 (married Elias Baylor); Christiana (married Peter Seiler); Daniel, born Nov. 22, 1845; Mary (Maria), born Dec. 17, 1846 (married D. C. Young; she was lame); John, born March 3, 1848; Samuel, born Feb. 27, 1849 (deceased); Abram, born Sept. 12, 1850; Jane; Jeremiah, born Sept. 29, 1855; Hannah, born March 3, 1857 (married S. Raup); Catharine, born June 1, 1858 (married Samuel Wagner); Jacob and Lucy, both of whom died in infancy. Some of this family are out West.

PETER CLEMENS, son of Abraham and Lucy Ann (Heilman) Clement, was born Oct. 29, 1841, in Lower Augusta township. He was educated in the public schools and brought up to farm life, which he has followed most successfully. When twenty-three years old he enlisted at Philadelphia in Company I, 112th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served almost two years, lacking only a few days of that period. Returning to his home county after the war he was married March 27, 1866, to Caroline Brouse, daughter of Samuel Brouse, of Snyder county, later of Northumberland county, and then located in Point township. He did laboring work for one year, in the spring





of 1867 moving to Montandon, where he resided a few years, until the spring of 1870. He has since farmed in Point township, where he rented land for twenty years, in the year 1889 settling on his present place in that township, a fifty-three-acre farm of good limestone soil, where he has profitably followed general farming and trucking. For eighteen years he also engaged in lime-burning, carrying on that business until 1907, so extensively that he burned as much as 95,000 bushels in one year. Mr. Clemens has been interested in the various activities of his community, has filled the office of school director five years and that of supervisor many years, and has long been an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Point township, of which he has been a trustee since 1904; he was elder for a number of years, and has served in all the various church offices. His family are also Lutherans in religion. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a man whose upright life and devotion to duty commend him to the confidence of his fellow citizens, and he is respected wherever known. To Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have been born children as follows: Harvey S., now of Northumberland; Albert W., of St. Joseph, Mo.; Catharine A., who is unmarried and living at home; Lucy A., a widow, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Maria V., who died aged twenty years; Mary M., who married Spencer Black, of Watsonstown, Pa.; Abraham B., of Sunbury, this county; Maud S., who married August Schaffer and lives in Point township; and Jeremiah, also of Point township.

ABRAM CLEMENS, son of Abraham and Lucy Ann (Heilman) Clement, was born Sept. 12, 1850, in Lower Augusta township, where he attended school. When twelve years old he went with his father to Milton, where he continued his studies for a time, and he remained with his father until his marriage, living at Mooresburg for six months. In 1871 he came to his present farm in East Chillisquaque township, the Andrew Kurtz place, on the road between Milton and Danville. This property he bought in 1885. It comprises about seventy acres, and a fine limestone quarry is located on the tract. In addition to farming Mr. Clemens has done an extensive business burning lime, which is very plentiful on his land, finding a ready market for the product in his immediate vicinity. He has prospered by hard work and strict attention to business, and he enjoys the esteem of his neighbors, whom he has served in the office of school director. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church, which he serves at present as elder.

In 1870 Mr. Clemens married Sarah Kurtz, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Teel) Kurtz, and granddaughter of Andrew Kurtz, who lived in Northampton county. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have a large family, viz.: Andrew married Betty Nori-

conk and has children, Harold and Lee; Maggie married Irwin Faus; Cora married Charles Rine and has two children, John A. and Emeline J.; Newton married Bertha Zoug and their children are Miriam, Myrland, Carol and Herman; John A. married Irene Benneth and their children are Melvin and Mildred; Peter married Lottie Wagner; Maude married Myrle Crunly and has children, Margaret and Paul; Jeremiah married Della Renn and their children are Charlotte and Roy Henry; Bessie married Frank Muffley and has one son, Abram C.; Samuel and Pearl are unmarried.

JOHN WEISER BUCHER, formerly of Sunbury, a citizen of that borough whose activities in business, social and public circles made him known to most of its residents, was born there Sept. 15, 1835. He is a member of the third generation of his family to live at that place, the Buchers having been active and prominent here from the early days, the emigrant members of the family having settled in Sunbury in the days of the Indian occupation.

John, Henry and Dietrich Bucher came to Pennsylvania from Switzerland, Dietrich establishing an iron furnace near Reading, Berks county, John and Henry locating at Sunbury, Northumberland county. Henry Bucher, who was the grandfather of John Weiser Bucher, was born April 16, 1764, in Switzerland, was a farmer by occupation, and resided at what is now the southwest corner of Walnut and Third streets, owning much land in Sunbury—nearly all that part of the borough between the Susquehanna river and Shamokin creek from the mouth of the latter to Spruce street. He was the first to put this land under cultivation. He married Catharine Epley, who was born Jan. 24, 1768, and died at Sunbury Aug. 17, 1847. Mr. Bucher died at Sunbury Feb. 3, 1824. Their children were: Henry; Elizabeth, who married George Weiser, a tanner; Mary, who married Jacob Leisenring; Francis; George, who was a soldier in the war of 1812; and John. Of this family, Henry lived and died in Sunbury; he had a hotel on Front street, and operated the ferry for some years.

Francis Bucher, youngest son of Henry and Catharine (Epley) Bucher, lived at the old homestead in Sunbury. He learned the trade of tanner and was one of the last persons engaged in that business in the borough. He died March 19, 1875, at the age of seventy. On Dec. 8, 1831, he married Mary Ann Masser, and to their union were born six sons and two daughters: The eldest two, both named Henry, died in infancy; John Weiser is the oldest surviving member of the family; Emily died unmarried in 1908; Edward (deceased) married Amelia Fisher (whose mother was ninety-seven years old in 1910—the oldest living woman in Sunbury); Richard, who lived and died





in Sunbury, was in the army for fifteen years, was held prisoner at Andersonville for over a year and was in Custer's forces; Louisa died young; William H. is a resident of Sunbury.

John Weiser Bucher received an academic education, and learned the trade of tanner with his father. When about twenty years old he became clerk and deputy to the register and recorder, filling that position about six years, after which he was appointed deputy prothonotary, serving as such one year; he also served one term as deputy treasurer of the county. He served one year in the Civil war, and upon his return to Sunbury resumed the tanning business, at which he was engaged for two or three years. He then entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, in whose employ he continued for a quarter of a century, beginning as bookkeeper in his manufacturing establishment, and after several years in that position becoming secretary of the Sunbury Steam Ferry and Tow Boat Company and associate manager or superintendent of the various manufacturing industries of Mr. Clement. In July, 1890, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, then a new banking concern, just established in its quarters at Fourth and Market streets. Though not as active in business as formerly, Mr. Bucher retained many of his local interests as long as he remained in Sunbury. On Feb. 19, 1911, he and his daughter Sarah left Sunbury for Kingman, Ariz., to make their home with his son William Henry.

Mr. Bucher took a prominent part in administering the public affairs of the borough, having served many years as town clerk and in the council, and in 1868 as chief burgess; he was also elected treasurer of the borough, in every position justifying the confidence his fellow citizens have shown in his ability and integrity. He cast his first vote for Buchanan, but has since been a Republican in politics.

In February, 1865, Mr. Bucher enlisted in Company C, 47th P. V. I., at Harrisburg, and served one year in the 19th Army Corps, as a private under General Hancock. He was mustered out at Charleston, S. C. He is a prominent member of Lieut. William A. Brunner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of Sunbury, and served as quartermaster of that organization continuously from 1895. The history of the members of that post which he compiled, containing a biography with detailed war record of 246 comrades, cost him much time and labor, occupying him for over two years, and is a valuable and interesting work; he has also compiled a complete roster of the post. Mr. Bucher is quite an authority on matters of local history, having long devoted much of his leisure to intelligent study, and his fine library of over fifteen hundred volumes contains many valuable works, which he thoroughly appreciates and enjoys. In

his more active years he was prominent in various fraternal bodies, and he was the oldest Mason in Sunbury (member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.) and the oldest Odd Fellow in that borough (member of Lodge No. 203). He formerly held membership in the Knights of Pythias, I. O. R. M., P. O. S. of A. and American Mechanics. He was long identified with the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he served many years as organist. In 1891 Mr. Bucher erected the beautiful home at No. 1048 River Road which he occupied until his removal from the borough.

On Dec. 15, 1858, Mr. Bucher was married in Sunbury to Hester A. Beard, daughter of James Beard (deceased), at one time prothonotary of Northumberland county and afterward a lawyer. She died Dec. 26, 1862, leaving three children: Francis Edward, who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and is now a prominent lawyer in Philadelphia; John Beard, a merchant of Sunbury; and Mary Margaret, born Sept. 13, 1862, who died Feb. 14, 1877. On March 4, 1868, Mr. Bucher married (second) Mary Jane Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, and she died in December of the same year, leaving a daughter, Laura Irene, born Dec. 19, 1868, who died Nov. 2, 1892. On Feb. 13, 1872, Mr. Bucher married (third) Mary Faust, and to their union were born five children: Samuel Faust, who is deceased; William Henry, a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and of the Medical-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, who was a surgeon in the United States navy from 1897 and because of physical disability stationed at Kingman, Ariz., since 1908 (he is now retired); Sarah Helen, unmarried; George Franklin; and Mary Ann Masser, deceased.

**TROUTMAN.** The Troutman family, numerous and well known in the lower end of Northumberland county, particularly in and around Jordan township, has been long established in that region. At St. David's Church, at Hebe, in that township, are buried many of the name, and we find record there of one Heinrich Troutman, born Dec. 23, 1764, died Dec. 16, 1833, a farmer who lived in the South Jordan district and was a Reformed member of Hebe Church. His children by his first wife were: Peter, Jacob, Anna (married Henry Bohner), Adam and Jonas. By his second marriage, to Catharine Hain, born April 10, 1774, died Oct. 23, 1854, he had children: George, Benjamin (who married a Dreibelbis) and Abraham (who married Anna Schaffer, daughter of John).

Abraham Troutman, brother of Heinrich, above, was born Dec. 9, 1773, and died April 1, 1852. His wife Elizabeth, born Oct. 7, 1780, died May 9, 1844. Their daughter Salome, born June 30, 1816, married Heinrich Troutman, and died April 15, 1848.





Among the wills on record in Northumberland county we find (Will Book 2, page 97) that of Peter Troutman, Mahanoy township, filed April 3, 1809, whose "dearly beloved wife," Eve, is appointed executor; names of children are not given, but all the estate is bequeathed to them. The will of one Jacob Troutman, who died early in November, 1844, appoints his wife, Anna Maria, as the executor, and shows the children to have been Catharine, Abraham, Mary, Christena, Lidia, Elizabeth ("shall have the cow she raised from a calf in advans"), Laha, George, Esther and Solomy. At the time of the father's death the family lived in Jackson township. Another Jacob Troutman died in October, 1854; one John Troutman was his executor. One Moses Troutman died in July, 1868; executor, Solomon Troutman.

Jacob Troutman, the known progenitor of many of the name now residing in Northumberland county, may have been a son of the Heinrich previously mentioned, though we have no definite records to substantiate the theory. But as Heinrich lived in the region in which the family is so well represented, and as Jacob had a brother Peter (also mentioned among Heinrich's children), it is possible they were of the same line. Jacob Troutman owned and lived upon a farm in Jordan township, near Uniontown, the property now owned by Phoebe Troutman, one of his granddaughters; the place now comprises eighty acres. He is interred in the Uniontown cemetery, the burial place of many Troutmans. He and his wife Magdalena (Brosius) were the parents of the following children: John; Polly, Mrs. John Leshner; Moses; Carolina, Mrs. Nathan Brower; Peter; Samuel; and Eve, Mrs. Isaac Wolf.

John Troutman, son of Jacob, was born June 10, 1817, in Jordan township, near Uniontown, and was a lifelong farmer and one of the most prosperous men in his section, of which he was a leading citizen for many years of his long life. Besides his home place of 132 acres (which was given to his son John L. and his daughter Magdalena) he owned six farms, the one now owned by his son George L., another which his son Simon obtained, one given to his daughter Ellemina, Mrs. Jeremiah Peifer, another owned by his son Adam L., another owned by his son Henry, and another by Joel Kratzer, son of his daughter Ellemina by her first marriage, to Joel Kratzer. Mr. Troutman was active in church work, the founder and leading member of Troutman's United Evangelical Church, so named in his honor. He built the meetinghouse of that congregation at Uniontown, was always a liberal contributor to the church and one of its pillars to the end of his life. Mr. Troutman served some years as treasurer of his township. He died upon his farm March 17, 1900, and is buried with his wife in the family plot in Uniontown cemetery.

Mr. Troutman was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Leshner, who was born Oct. 19, 1817, and died April 27, 1841. Mr. Troutman subsequently married her sister, Harriet Leshner, who died April 27, 1888. They were daughters of Samuel and Magadelene (Smith) Leshner, who were from Berks county; Mr. Leshner was a large property owner. Mr. Troutman was the father of fifteen children, Engeline and Simon by his first wife, and the following by his second: Magdalena (who died unmarried), Ellemina (wife of Joel Kratzer and second Jeremiah Peifer), Henry L., Isaac L., Moses L., Mary (who married Hiram Landis), Amos, George L., John L., Phoebe, one that died in infancy, Cornelius, and another that died in infancy.

GEORGE L. TROUTMAN, son of John, was born June 21, 1858. He was reared to farm life, and worked for his parents until he attained his majority, after which he began farming on his own account in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he was a tenant for a few years. In 1881 he came to his present home in Jordan township, a 120-acre farm located on the road between Hebe and Klingerstown, formerly the homestead of John Eister, who built the present barn in 1840 and the house in 1836. Samuel Wiest bought the property from Mr. Eister for his son Jacob, who occupied it for thirty-five years, since when it has been in Mr. Troutman's possession. It has long been regarded as one of the most valuable farms in the valley, its successive owners having taken considerable pride in keeping it up, and it has not deteriorated under Mr. Troutman's management. He is one of the industrious and thrifty farmers of his section.

On Dec. 8, 1878, Mr. Troutman married Mary Wert, daughter of William and Catharine (Riegel) Wert, and they have three children: Alice A., who married John Romberger and lives on the homestead (they have one son, Ralph T.); Victor, of Klingerstown, Pa., married to Sallie B., daughter of Tobias Wiest; and Dora A., who married William B. Wiest, Jr., and is now living in Alberta, Canada, where they settled on a homestead of their own and have prospered.

Mr. Troutman and his family have been identified with the Troutman United Evangelical Church, of which his father was the founder. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Isaac L. Troutman, sixth son of John Troutman, and grandson of Jacob, was born Sept. 4, 1849, in Jordan township, and was reared on the paternal farm, working for his parents throughout his youth. When about twenty-one years old he began farming for himself in Rockefeller township, at Seven Points, where he located about 1869, from that time for many years working for his father-in-law, Daniel Klinger, with whom he





lived. Mr. Troutman remained with Mr. Klinger until his death, and he still lives on that place. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Cross Road Church, in which he has been active, having held the offices of trustee, deacon and elder, in which latter he is still serving. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Troutman married Mary Ann Klinger, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Schadel) Klinger, and they have had children as follows: Lizzie married Theodore McKinney and they live at Sunbury, Pa.; Harvey Albert married Edna Long and lives at Sunbury, Pa.; Elmer F. is mentioned below; Lillie married Elmer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; William H. died aged fourteen years.

Daniel Klinger, father of Mrs. Troutman, was born Nov. 2, 1824, and married Caroline Schadel, who was born May 22, 1827. They came from the vicinity of Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, after their marriage, and settled in Rockefeller township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, and there they are buried, at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Mr. Klinger died Aug. 21, 1908, Mrs. Klinger on Oct. 22, 1907. They were farming people and among the prosperous residents of their section.

ELMER F. TROUTMAN, son of Isaac L., was born Nov. 22, 1876, in Rockefeller township, where he attended the local schools and was brought up to farm life. Working for his parents until he reached his majority, he began farming for himself in the spring of 1898, on the tract of sixty-seven acres in the Plum Creek district, in Rockefeller township, where he has since lived. This was formerly a Furman homestead, later owned by a Klinger, and the present set of buildings on the place was erected by William Furman. Mr. Troutman has improved the property materially since it came into his ownership, and the barn and stables have been equipped with modern appliances and are kept scrupulously clean, his live stock being a matter of pride and probably the finest in the township, this being true of his cattle and horses both. He has made a specialty of dairy farming, keeping fifteen milch cows in the summer season and in winter usually as many as twenty-three, running a milk team to Sunbury daily. He has been enterprising and industrious, and his intelligent methods and good management have brought their own reward.

On Dec. 22, 1899, Mr. Troutman married Adella Bloom, daughter of the late Hiram Bloom, who was a farmer of Rockefeller township. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Troutman, Gertrude and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Troutman are Lutheran members of the Plum Creek Church. He is a Republican in political connection, and has several local elective offices.

Joseph Troutman, great-grandfather of William L. Troutman, of Hebe, in Jordan township, was a farmer of that township.

George T. Troutman, son of Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1804, was a farmer in Jordan township, owning the place which he occupied and cultivated. It is now the property of S. W. Reed, a farm of about 130 acres. He married Jestina Klark, who was born Nov. 22, 1811, and died June 4, 1876, surviving Mr. Troutman, who passed away Feb. 14, 1869. They are buried at Hebe. Their children were: William K., Henry K., Joseph K. (died Dec. 27, 1906, aged sixty-six years, eight months, two days; wife Esther died May 31, 1888, aged forty-three years, three months, fifteen days), Aaron K., Harriet, Catharine, Louisa, Helena, Mary and Sarah.

William K. Troutman, son of George T., was born in Northumberland county, and was a farmer of Jordan township, where he had a tract of 125 acres which he cultivated during his active years. Later, when he retired, he moved to a small place near Hebe. During his early years he was a tenant farmer, but by hard work and thrift he became well-to-do, and he was one of the respected citizens of his township, which he served as tax collector. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war he served in the Union army, as a member of Company K, 172d Regiment. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at Hebe, and he served as elder and trustee of the church.

Mr. Troutman's first wife, Lydia (Leitzel), daughter of Benjamin Leitzel, was born Jan. 15, 1834, and died Nov. 26, 1868, the mother of seven children: Amelia married Peter Kratzer; Elizabeth married William Bohner; Catharine married Peter Boyer; Lydia married William Hoffman; Emma married John Long; Cosson married Maggie Shaud; William L. is mentioned below. The father died Nov. 2, 1897, aged sixty-six years, nine months, fourteen days, and is buried at Hebe by the side of his first wife.

WILLIAM L. TROUTMAN, son of William K. and Lydia (Leitzel) Troutman, was born May 5, 1864, in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, and like the average farmer's son was trained to agricultural pursuits from boyhood and worked for his parents until he became of age. His early literary training was obtained at home and in the schools at Pillow, Dauphin county, and when twenty years old he was licensed to teach, by Prof. W. J. Wolverton, then superintendent of schools in Northumberland county. His first experience was at the Grove schoolhouse, No. 2, in Jordan township, and he has taught twenty-five years in all in that township, where he was engaged for twenty years consecutively. For two terms he was located at Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township. His first professional certificate was granted in 1900, his





second in 1909, by Prof. W. W. Fetzer, county superintendent. Mr. Troutman was not only regarded as a successful educator, but also as an executive officer, for while teaching he was appointed school director of his township, serving as such about a year, and during that time he was secretary of the board of health in his township; the district had three cases of smallpox in his term. In the summer season Mr. Troutman followed farming, for the most part as a tenant farmer, though he at present owns a farm of ninety-eight acres and oversees the work of cultivation. In 1885 he moved to near Hebe, and in 1906 moved into the village, where he built his present home in 1909. He has for a number of years been active in public affairs in the locality, having served one term as assessor of Jordan township and two terms as justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1897, being reelected five years later by a large majority. In politics he is a Republican. He has been a most active member of the Reformed congregation of St. David's Church at Hebe, of which he was deacon for twelve years and elder for six years, and he has been secretary of the consistory for the past twenty years, being still the incumbent of that position. For fifteen years he was the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Christmas Day, 1886, Mr. Troutman married Susan M. Lahr, daughter of Josiah and Harriet (Rebuck) Lahr, and they have a family of ten children, born as follows: Grant, June 21, 1888 (he has been engaged in teaching public school in Jordan township and in the spring of 1910 entered the Keystone State normal school, at Kutztown, Pa.); Clarence, Nov. 30, 1889; Earl, Sept. 25, 1891; William, Dec. 31, 1892; Ammon J., June 29, 1894; Eva G., May 30, 1896; Nettie, June 4, 1898; Rosco R., June 30, 1900; Ruth F., May 12, 1902; Paul L., Nov. 2, 1906.

EDGAR O. SEAMAN, of Watsonstown, dealer in vehicles of all kinds, harness, farm implements, and a number of allied commodities, has found an excellent field for that business in the borough, which is situated in the midst of a prosperous agricultural community, from which he draws a large trade. He is a native of Watsonstown, born Sept. 30, 1878, and he comes of a family which has been located in Pennsylvania since the middle of the eighteenth century, for over a hundred and sixty years. The form Seaman is the English spelling of a "surname of occupation" denoting a sailor or one connected with the navigation of a vessel, and was applied to officers as well as common sailors, although technically restricted to those without rank. The German spelling is Seemann; Middle English, Seamon; Anglo-Saxon, Seaman; Dutch, Zeeman; Icelandic, Sjomathe; Swedish, Sjoeman; Danish, Soemand.

Johan Ludwig Seaman, the ancestor of the Seamans here under consideration, was a native of Germany, and prior to coming to America was for eight years a member of the bodyguard of Frederick the Great of Prussia. He emigrated to America in 1748, landing at Philadelphia Oct. 25th of that year, and soon thereafter removed to Bern, which later became Upper Bern and is now Tilden township, in Berks county, Pa. He had children: Eberhart, born in 1752; John, born in 1753; Henry; Margaretta, who married a Real; Mary Magdalena, born in 1759, who married Philip Kauffman; Ludwig (Lewis), born in 1764; George, and Michael.

On Nov. 18, 1793, one Lewis Seaman received a warrant for 400 acres of land in Northumberland county, Pa. [Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series.]

John Seaman, son of Johan Ludwig, married Elizabeth Schlappig, and to them were born children as follows: John, Christian, Samuel, Catharine, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Christiana, Maria and Johan George.

Johan George Seaman, son of John, who owned the old homestead in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, a tract which then consisted of 275 acres, lived on the place now occupied by John Becker. He was in comfortable circumstances and was well and favorably known in upper Berks county. He married Magdalena Kauffman, and to them were born these children: John; William K.; George, Jr.; David; Reuben; Mary, who married Samuel Kline; Rebecca, who married William Loeb; Hester, who married Benneville Machmer; Catharine, who married William Machmer; and Eliza, who married John Geschwindt.

William K. Seaman, the grandfather of Edgar O. Seaman, was born in Tilden township, Berks county, and after his marriage and the birth of some of his children moved to Northumberland county, Pa., settling on a farm at Pottsgrove, in Chillisquaque township, where he put up a fine set of buildings. He prospered in his own undertakings, but lost considerable money going bond for others. He died in July, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. Mr. Seaman was a Lutheran in religion and a Democrat in politics. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Penrose, who settled in Union county, Pa.; Caroline, Mrs. Charles Hoy; Manassa, who died when about fifty years old; and William B.

William B. Seaman, son of William K., was born May 5, 1838, in Chillisquaque township, this county, and received his education in the schools of Pottsgrove. He was reared to farming, and began on his own account after his marriage on a place in his native township, where he farmed on shares until he moved to Delaware township to the farm of his father-in-law, S. M. Miller.



He was at that location for about thirty years, thence moving to another farm in the same township, which he cultivated for eight years. In 1907 Mr. Seaman retired from active pursuits and settled in the borough of Watsonstown, where he remained only two years, however. He has since lived in Washington, D. C., with his daughter, Mrs. McCardle. Like the members of his family generally, he is a Democrat and a Lutheran. Mr. Seaman married Barbara L. Miller, who was born in 1844 and died in November, 1898; she is buried at Watsonstown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seaman, namely: Franklin died when fourteen years old; William H. died in infancy; Mary Emeline married U. F. McCardle; Edgar O. lives in Watsonstown.

Edgar O. Seaman, son of William B., received his education in the public schools of Delaware township, and at the Watsonstown high school. He farmed for his father until 1902, since which year he has been in business in Watsonstown, where he was a coal dealer for three years. For the next year and a half he was in the livery business in the borough, and then conducted a grocery store for two years, in 1909 embarking in his present line. He handles all kinds of vehicles and farm implements, including cream separators, as well as harness and fertilizers, and has the local agency for the famous Weber heavy wagons, finding a steady and profitable demand for all his goods in the territory adjoining Watsonstown, where many prosperous farmers are located. He understands his customers and their wants, and by obliging and intelligent service has built up a large trade. Socially Mr. Seaman is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Seaman, evidently of the same stock as above, was a native of Berks county, Pa., who settled in Butler county, this State, at an early day.

Samuel Seaman, son of John, came from Berks county, and died in the Mahantango Valley, where he owned a home, his house standing near the site of the present residence of his grandson, Adam H. Seaman. His son Adam also lived there. Samuel Seaman is buried at Zion's Church in Stone valley, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He married in the community in which he lived and died. He was an excellent wood worker, and made many grain cradles, some of which are still in use in the Mahantango Valley. They were considered as good as any made.

Adam Seaman, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 24, 1819, and passed the greater part of his life in the Mahantango Valley, engaged at laboring work. He owned his home, which was located along the Mahantango creek, not far from County Line, Northumberland county. He died Nov. 5, 1899,

while living with his son Adam H. Seaman, in Northumberland county, and he and his wife are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. Mr. Seaman was a member of the Reformed denomination, his wife of the Lutheran Church. Her maiden name was Phillipine Hepner, and she was born Jan. 17, 1825, daughter of Jacob Hepner. She died Sept. 6, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman had the following children: Isaac; Aaron, who married Lucy Klinger; Rebecca, Mrs. Fetter; Levi, who died unmarried; Sarah, Mrs. Adam Spotts; Elias, who married Sarah Ann Michael; Frank, who married Molly Aurand; Adam H.; Jere, who married Lucy, widow of his brother Aaron; and a son that died in infancy.

ADAM H. SEAMAN, son of Adam, is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He was born July 21, 1862, across the Mahantango creek in Dauphin county, Pa., and spent all his boyhood in this vicinity. His education was begun at home and continued in the local public schools and at Uniontown high school, which he attended for two terms. Later he took a business course at Delaware, Ohio, graduating in 1886 from G. W. Michael's business college at that point. When twenty-one years old he began to teach public school in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and was thus engaged for two terms. Sawmilling, however, was his principal vocation during his young manhood. For fifteen years he was thus engaged at different points in central Pennsylvania—Williamsport, Danville, Harrisburg and Marysville—as well as in Snyder county and at Tuscarora. Then he went to Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he took a contract to operate a double stove and shingle mill for the South Mountain Land Company for five years. During three and a half years of this period he lived with his family at Boiling Springs. In the spring of 1907 Mr. Seaman settled in Northumberland, not far from his birthplace, purchasing a tract of twenty-seven acres on which, the same year, he erected a large modern home. Here he has since engaged in farming, being an up-to-date agriculturist, enterprising and able to make the cultivation of his property profitable. He also owns twenty-five acres of timberland in the locality, across the Mahantango creek in Mifflin township, Dauphin county. Mr. Seaman is a useful citizen, and has twice been elected auditor of Lower Mahanoy township, on the Republican ticket. He and his family are members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, Mr. Seaman belonging to the Reformed congregation, his wife to the Lutheran. He has served as deacon.

On Feb. 25, 1888, Mr. Seaman married Emma E. Radel, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lenker) Radel, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Gurney G.; Grace V., who married Scott L. Sundy and lives at Ismay, Mont. (they have





two daughters, Edith Irene and Edna May); Loyetta Ruth, who died in childhood; Mabel M., who is a mute and at present a student at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy, Philadelphia; Emery V.; and Jennie M.

JOHN WESLEY FRYLING, of Sunbury, who serves as clerk for the Sunbury Water Company and is interested in fruit growing in that region, having a tract of thirty acres in Rockefeller township, is a son of the late John Wolverton Fryling.

John Wolverton Fryling was born at Sunbury July 4, 1817, and in his early life did farm work. He taught private school and singing school, and later, in Sunbury, did private tutoring, in Latin and mathematics, for boys entering college. He then became a clerk at Sunbury in the employ of his father-in-law, Henry Yoxtheimer, one of the first wholesale and retail merchants in that place, remaining with him ten years, at the end of which time he bought out the business. After conducting it alone for several years he took Mr. W. T. Grant into partnership, and Fryling & Grant continued the business successfully for several years. Mr. Fryling then became interested in the manufacture of caskets and building supplies as a member of the firm of Fryling, Bowen & Engel, being thus engaged until 1874, when he went to Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and commenced farming, carrying on agricultural pursuits there for a period of four years. His next move was to Newton, Harvey Co., Kans., where he bought a farm of 160 acres which he cultivated for three years. Returning to Sunbury, he clerked a few years and then took the position of tax collector for the borough, holding same until his death, which occurred May 22, 1888. Mr. Fryling was one of the best known citizens of Sunbury in his day, and he held the respect of the many who knew him. He was an ardent Republican, and during the Civil war enlisted in Company D, 3d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, then known as "minute-men," with whom he was out for service a short time; but owing to business demands he called upon his son Harry to take his place, the young man serving with credit and honor. Mr. Fryling was an active and generous member of St. John's Methodist Church at Sunbury and served as a member of its building committee. He married Margaret Yoxtheimer, who was born Nov. 30, 1821, daughter of Henry Yoxtheimer, of Sunbury, and died Jan. 11, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Fryling are buried in the old Sunbury cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children: (1) Henry Yoxtheimer, born July 17, 1841, was a member of Company D (Capt. C. J. Brunner, Lieuts. A. J. Stoah and Jacob Rohrbach), 3d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, mustered in at Harrisburg Sept. 11-13, 1862, was detailed for special duty on the staff of Gen. John

W. Reynolds, and served after the balance of the company was mustered out. He is now general manager of the Elk Graphite Milling Company, of St. Mary's, Pa. He married Frances Hettrick, of Hummels Wharf, and they have three children, George, Helen and Frances. (2) William A., born Feb. 12, 1843, died Aug. 29, 1843. (3) Rebecca A., born July 17, 18—, married Capt. Andrew N. Brice, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., and their children are Mayme, William and Edward L. (4) Mary E. married Capt. E. Torrington, and they reside at Topeka, Kans. (5) Emma married Prof. J. H. Black, well known as one of the first principals of the Sunbury high school, and they now make their home at Huntingdon, Pa. (6) John Wesley is fully mentioned below. (7) Charles Wesley married Alice Dundore and they have had six children, Elsie M., Ruth, Charles and Harry, living, and two deceased; this family lives at Sunbury. (8) Annie, twin of Charles Wesley, married David McMahan and they live at Walton, Harvey Co., Kans. (9) Sarah L., born Jan. 30, 1850, died Aug. 2, 1858. (10) Willie P., born June 19, 1860, died May 9, 1867. (11) Elsie, born May 10, 1863, died June 5, 1873.

John Wesley Fryling was born Feb. 11, 1855, at Sunbury, and in his early years attended Colonel Rohrbach's private school in the old Statehouse building, Sunbury, then Prof. N. Foster Brown's Academy at Klines grove; later the academy moved to Sunbury. Subsequently he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, for two terms, after which he did farm work for his father until 1878. That year he went to Columbia county, Pa., where he farmed one year, in 1879 going out to Kansas, where he remained one season; he was the only man in his district who raised his own cabbage plants. Coming back to Sunbury he was engaged in selling sewing machines for a time, until appointed assistant postmaster there, in 1880. His service in that capacity covered four years and nine months. In October, 1885, he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in the shops as carpenter, and the following year was transferred to the freight office of the Philadelphia & Erie road, where he kept all the accounts. He was a trusted employee of that company until he left its service, in 1906, on Sept. 1st of which year he became a clerk for the Sunbury Water Company.

In 1903 Mr. Fryling bought thirty acres of valuable land in Rockefeller township, this county, and he is making a specialty of apple growing, having already set out a thousand apple trees. He is an expert in this particular branch of fruit culture, and has also had success with other fruits, finding the business both agreeable and profitable. He has thirty-five acres of timberland adjoining this thirty-acre tract. On April 16, 1910, he bought the Rohrbach farm, 255 acres in Upper Augusta township, a mile from Sunbury, 100 acres





of which are in timber. In the spring of 1911 he planted a fifteen-acre orchard, one thousand peach trees.

In church connection Mr. Fryling is a Methodist and well known for his untiring efforts in the interest of that denomination. He first joined St. John's Church, in 1869, and he handled all of the facing brick used in the construction of that edifice, having the honor of laying the last brick. He served as steward of that church, and is now officiating in the same capacity in the Catawissa Avenue M. E. Church, in which he now holds membership. He is a Republican in politics.

On Nov. 15, 1877, Mr. Fryling married Mary Catharine Seasholtz, who was born June 2, 1857, daughter of Christian B. and Lucinda (Yetter) Seasholtz, and died Oct. 4, 1887; she is buried in the Sunbury cemetery. Three children were born to this union: Robert Bruce, born Oct. 12, 1878, died Jan. 4, 1879; Edith Mabel, a graduate of the Sunbury high school, class of 1900, is now buyer for the art department of Hennessy's department store, Butte, Mont.; Margaret Yetter graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1904 and from Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., in 1909 (she made a special study of the classics, history and political economy) and taught in 1910-1911 in the public schools in Sunbury. The family home is at No. 444 Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

**BLASSER.** The Blasser family has been settled in Northumberland county for about a century, and the brothers Abraham D. and Jacob D. Blasser, of Herndon, Pa., now living retired, are worthy representatives of a name which has been respected throughout that period. They are grandsons of John Blasser, who was one of three brothers (another being Abraham) who came from their native country, Switzerland, and settled along the Susquehanna river in Union township, Snyder Co., Pa. In 1812 John Blasser crossed the river into Northumberland county, settling in Lower Mahanoy township with his wife and one child, a daughter, Betzy. He was a farmer, a man of good business ability and highly successful, and was an influential citizen, prominent in public matters as well as in the interest of his private concerns. He owned seven hundred acres of land, a large part of which he obtained by warrant from the State, and profitably operated Blasser's Fishery on the Susquehanna, at what is now known as Dalmatia. He caught shad by tons, single fish often weighing as much as nine pounds, and as the river then abounded with fish this business was very lucrative. He served as general supervisor over the roads of five townships, making his trips over the roads of which he had charge on horseback. In religious faith he was a Mennonite, and attended services at a meetinghouse in Snyder

county, though most of the meetings at that time were at the homes of those interested. John Blasser died about 1850, at the age of seventy-four years, and was laid to rest in a private burial ground on his farm, but in 1876 he was reinterred in the cemetery of the Stone Valley Union Church. His wife, Susanna Riegel, died in 1861, aged seventy years. They had three sons and one daughter: Betzy, who married Henry Latsha; John, who died aged twenty-one years; Jacob, at one time a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, who moved out to Indiana in 1858 and died there (he was a farmer); and Abraham.

Abraham Blasser, son of John, was born April 10, 1816, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer there, dying April 7, 1876, on the farm where he was born. He was a man of high worth and held the confidence of his fellow citizens, who chose him to a number of township offices, in all of which he gave faithful service. Like his father he was a Mennonite in religion. He married Anna Mary Daniel, daughter of John Adam and Rosina (Wagner) Daniel, and they are buried at the Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: John died unmarried; Abraham D. and Jacob D., twins, are mentioned below; Mary married David Wetzler; Sarah married John Seal; Susanna married Andrew Star.

**ABRAHAM D. BLASSER,** son of Abraham, was born Dec. 9, 1837, on the Blasser homestead farm in the upper section of Lower Mahanoy township, this county, a large and valuable tract containing nearly five hundred acres, which he and his twin brother Jacob D. Blasser own in partnership. It is nearly two miles long, and is the largest single farm in Northumberland county. The brothers were reared to farming, which they continued to follow successfully throughout their active years, cultivating the farm in partnership and making many improvements on the property, which is in excellent condition. Both lived there, there being two dwelling-houses, two large barns and two sets of buildings on the land. Upon his retirement from active work, in 1891, Abraham D. Blasser settled in Herndon, of which place he has since been a much esteemed citizen. He was instrumental in the organization of the borough, was one of the first councilmen, continuing to hold that office six years, and has done much to further the best interests of the place, where he is recognized as a man of intelligent public spirit. While living in Lower Mahanoy township he served as a member of the school board.

On May 14, 1860, Mr. Blasser married Elizabeth Lenker, daughter of Adam and Sallie (Messner) Lenker, and to them were born two daughters: Sarah D., born in 1863, died in 1866; Mary Agnes, now the wife of Capt. Jacob F. Hoffman,



received her education in the local public schools and at Allentown (Pa.) Female College, meantime, before she entered college, teaching in the public schools of Lower Mahanoy township and at Berrysburg, Dauphin county. Mrs. Hoffman has marked artistic talent, and has a gift for painting, doing creditable work as a scenic artist and china decorator; she is also a musician of rare attainments, holding several diplomas and medals of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasser live on Main street, in the borough of Herndon, their home being next door to that of his brother. They are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Republican in political opinion.

JACOB D. BLASSER, twin brother of Abraham D. Blasser, has practically the same history, the brothers have always lived together on the home place until they retired. Jacob D. Blasser, however, did not remove to Herndon until 1893. They have always been on terms of ideal brotherliness, and their homes in Herndon are side by side.

On Aug. 25, 1857, Mr. Blasser married Harriet Leader, daughter of Marks and Sallie (Wolf) Leader, of Jackson township, and granddaughter of John and Susanna (Marks) Leader, of the same township; Susanna Marks was a native of Berks county. Sallie Wolf was a daughter of Michael Wolf. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blasser: (1) Julius Frank, whose home is at Millersburg, Pa., married Minerva Emerick, and they have eleven children (including two sets of twins), Charles and John (twins), Mabel, Mary, Jacob, Hattie, Naomi, Julius and Alice (twins), Ray and Moses. (2) Sarah A. married Andrew Bucher, and they resided at Mahanoy, where she died May 23, 1895, at the age of thirty-two years. They had one son, Charles. (3) Maggie D. married John Schwab, of Elizabethville, Pa., and died July 2, 1909, aged forty-one years, the mother of three children, Dory F., Mary E. and Erma.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasser are now Reformed members of the church at Herndon. While in Lower Mahanoy township they were identified with the Stone Valley Church, of which Mr. Blasser was an elder for three years. He is a Republican in politics, but he has always refused to run for public office.

GEORGE W. YOXTHEIMER, who is now living retired in the borough of Northumberland, was born March 12, 1848, in Point township, and was for many years engaged in farming there. He is a great-grandson of Henry Yoxtheimer, Sr., a farmer who lived in what is now Rockefeller township, being a pioneer in the Plum Creek Valley. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. He and his wife Maria had children as follows: Maria, Mrs.

Peter Sampsel; George, who lived in Lower Augusta township; Jacob, who lived in the vicinity of Milton, this county; Henry; Mrs. Zimmerman; Sallie, Mrs. Leopold; and Mrs. Campbell.

George Yoxtheimer, son of Henry and Maria, was the grandfather of George W. Yoxtheimer.

Henry Yoxtheimer, son of George, was born in 1809 in Rockefeller township, and died in 1857 in Snyder county, where he is buried, in the Schreiner graveyard. He was a laborer and farmer, and at the time of his death was living a half mile northwest of Shamokin Dam, in Monroe township, Snyder county. His wife, Elizabeth (Mayer), daughter of Peter Mayer, died in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years, and is buried at Selinsgrove. Their children were as follows: Hulda, Charles W., George W., Mary E., Benjamin T. and one that died young.

George W. Yoxtheimer was educated in the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home and at Selinsgrove Institute. He taught school at Selinsgrove for a time, but his active years were devoted principally to farming, to which vocation he had been trained from boyhood. For six years he worked out among farmers, and after he was married began farming on his own account in Snyder county, living near the Union county line—in fact, some of his land was situated in that county. After renting four years he again crossed the Susquehanna, and buying a house in Northumberland borough was in the employ of the Van Alens for four years, running plate rolls. At the end of that time he bought a tract of forty-five acres in Point township, to which he added as his circumstances and opportunity permitted, and later he bought a 100-acre farm. Twelve years later he sold his first purchase and the twelve acres mentioned to his son James H., who also bought nineteen acres of the 100-acre farm, and in the spring of 1910 he rented his home farm to his son-in-law. He has since lived retired. In March, 1910, he purchased a home in the borough of Northumberland, to which he moved early in 1911. Mr. Yoxtheimer was an industrious man, and was successful beyond the ordinary. He took an active interest in the local welfare, serving three years as school director and later three years as supervisor. He is a man who has the thorough respect of all who know him.

On Aug. 17, 1875, Mr. Yoxtheimer married Mary C. Gibbons, daughter of Abel and Susan (Morgan) Gibbons, who occupied the place later owned and occupied by their son-in-law, Mr. Yoxtheimer, and six children have been born to this union: James H. married Anna V. Jones; Susan E. married John K. Young; Alvena married George E. Derk; Hattie M. married James Hope-well; Stella A. married John G. Brown; Margaret F. married Charles E. Orwig. Mr. Yoxtheimer





and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Northumberland. Politically he is a Republican.

Henry Yoxtheimer, another son of Henry Yoxtheimer, Sr., was born in Northumberland county in 1793, and died Nov. 27, 1849. He is buried in the Fourth street cemetery, at Sunbury. Mr. Yoxtheimer was a potter by trade, and followed that business on Arch street, in Sunbury, opposite the jail. There he began merchandising on a small scale, and he was a pioneer general merchant of Sunbury, also dealing in grain, which was shipped by canalboat to Philadelphia and there exchanged for merchandise which was brought from Philadelphia to Sunbury by the same means of transportation. In 1826-27 he erected a large brick building which had a frontage of sixty feet on the south side of Market street, the site embracing part of what later became the courthouse yard and the property where Judge C. R. Savidge now lives. At the eastern side was an archway, the only one embodied in a store at Sunbury; it led to a large warehouse at the rear of the lot, where grain and produce were stored. Mr. Yoxtheimer owned one of the first canalboats regularly engaged in the carrying trade between Sunbury and Philadelphia, and he was a pioneer coal operator at Shamokin. After his death his store at Sunbury was continued by his sons-in-law, John W. Fryling and William T. Grant. It was one of the leading business establishments of the town for some years.

Mr. Yoxtheimer was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Malick, who bore him two children: Margaret married John W. Fryling, who is now deceased; William (deceased) served in the Civil war and was a resident of Safe Harbor, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Yoxtheimer's second marriage was to Mrs. Nancy (Bacon) Follmer, and they had one child, Rachel, who married William T. Grant, late of Sunbury.

**WIRT.** In business and agricultural life the Wirt family is represented among the substantial citizens of several portions of Northumberland county. Its members have been useful and worthy residents of the several communities with which they have been identified, and the name has always been associated with the qualities of integrity and thrift which characterize those who bear it. Benneville Wirt, now of Sunbury, was long engaged in the hotel business in the borough of Mount Carmel. Daniel W. Wirt, his brother, is a prosperous farmer of Little Mahanoy township. John Wirt, their cousin, a resident of Rockefeller township, is one of the leading undertakers in his section of this county. We give the line of these Wirts as far back as the records show.

The name is variously spelled Wirt and Wert

by most of the present members of the family: the earlier spelling was probably Wirth, as shown by tombstone records. The family is of German origin. Adam, the first of this line to come to America from Germany, arrived in this country with his wife Eva before the Revolutionary war, and settled at what is now the site of Millersburg, in Dauphin county, Pa. These pioneers had nine sons, who settled in different parts of the country, the family becoming scattered over New Jersey, the Carolinas, Ohio and through the West, besides having many representatives in Pennsylvania.

Henry Wirt (or Wert) was a pioneer farmer of the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, having settled in that section when the Indians still roamed the forests, and the Red men were neighborly with "Henner" Wirt, to whom they bade farewell when they left the region. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried side by side at the Stone Valley Church in Lower Mahanoy, where we find the following tombstone records: Johann Heinrich Wirth, born Dec. 22, 1769, died June 2, 1846; his wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1771, died Sept. 6, 1838. They had children as follows: John and Michael (born March 16, 1798, died Dec. 27, 1872; wife Lydia, born June 18, 1809, died Sept. 2, 1884), who both lived in the Mahantango valley; Henry and Philip, who lived in the Sugar Valley, near Lewisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Philip Kerstetter; Mrs. Michael Schaffer; and Mrs. Peter Bischoff.

John Wirt, son of Henry, lived for a number of years in the Mahantango Valley, in 1838 settling at Mandata, where he engaged in the milling business. That year he built the frame mill at Mandata, which is still standing, and he followed the business for a number of years, prospering continuously. He acquired considerable land about Mandata. He and his family worshipped at the Stone Valley Lutheran Church, where he and his wife Barbara, daughter of Matthias Witmer, are buried, their tombstone records reading as follows: Johannes Wirth, born Nov. 16, 1795, died Sept. 8, 1852; his wife Barbara, born Nov. 30, 1794, died July 30, 1871. Their children were as follows: Lydia married David Campbell; Elizabeth was the second wife of David Campbell; Catharine married Jacob Garman; Anna married Frederick Snyder; Mary married Martin Harris; Michael died soon after his marriage to Mary Lesher; John married Judith Wentzel; Daniel married Rebecca Seiler; Moses married Mary Ann Spotts.

John Wirt, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born April 26, 1826, in Lower Mahanoy township, on his father's farm, and is now probably the oldest surviving resident of that district. In his earlier manhood he followed the milling business, but since 1875 he has lived at Mandata, where he conducted a store for fourteen years, being quite





successful as a merchant. He also farmed for some years, now living in retirement and the enjoyment of the rest he earned by years of industry. During the Civil war Mr. Wirt was drafted three times. He married Judith Wentzel, who died Oct. 1, 1902, aged eighty-one years, nine months, twelve days; she is buried at the Stone Valley Church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wirt, namely: Benneville; William of Mandata, who in his earlier life was engaged in cattle dealing (he married Sarah, daughter of Elias Bower, and has two sons and two daughters); Daniel W.; and Michael, deceased.

BENNEVILLE WIRT, son of John and Judith (Wentzel) Wirt, was born June 29, 1848, in Jordan township, Northumberland county. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and during his youth assisted his father as clerk in the store, making himself generally useful. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn the miller's trade at Mandata from one William Good, following that work for seventeen years in all, working nine years for his father in the milling business after he had thoroughly mastered its details. He then rented a mill at the mouth of Mahantango creek, known as Boyer's mill, which he operated successfully, but he remained there only a short time, the following spring going to Millersburg, where for three years he ran a flour mill for Samuel Buck. The mill was sold at the end of that period and Mr. Wirt continued with the new owners for four years. In 1882 he came thence to Mandata, where he lived while engaged in his cattle dealing operations, purchasing carloads of cattle in Crawford county which he sold at Herndon, this county. In this line he was associated with his brother William, under the firm name of Wirt Brothers, and they continued in the business two years. In the spring of 1884 Benneville Wirt located at Herndon, where he conducted the "Union House" (now the "Wiest Hotel") for one year, after which he settled in Mount Carmel. He was a resident of that borough for over twenty-five years, for a quarter of a century conducting a hotel there. When he gave up that business, after a successful career, he lived retired at Mount Carmel for two years, in September, 1907, coming to Sunbury, where he now makes his home. Though he has given up many of his responsibilities he still attends to the management of his property, owning considerable real estate which he acquired as he prospered in his other ventures, and he has valuable holdings in Mount Carmel and Hazleton, Pa., and in Brooklyn, N. Y. He also deals in real estate, and has been connected with a number of important transactions in that line. Mr. Wirt has always enjoyed excellent standing among those with whom he has been associated in business, having a high reputation for honor and straightforwardness in all his undertakings.

On April 30, 1871, Mr. Wirt married Mary Malinda Witmer, daughter of Isaac L. Witmer, and to their union have been born eight children, six of whom are deceased. The survivors are Alice, wife of U. J. Evans, of Scranton, Pa., and Charles of Sunbury. Mr. Wirt and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Republican in politics, and a Mason in social connection, holding membership in Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.

DANIEL W. WIRT, son of John and Judith (Wentzel) Wirt, was born April 11, 1855, at Mandata, and was reared at that place. He was trained to farming, and when quite young began driving his father's huckster wagon, being thus engaged until 1876, the year of his marriage. After that for many years he cultivated what was formerly the Scholly-homestead, which he owns, a tract of 140 acres located on the Little Mahanoy creek, which has the reputation of being the finest and most valuable farm in Little Mahanoy township. It is unusually well watered, is in a high state of cultivation, and improved with substantial and convenient buildings, all kept in first-class condition. The Swiss barn on this property was built by Mr. Wirt in 1881, and replaced the one destroyed by fire that year. The present dwelling was erected in 1882. Mr. Wirt retired from the active work of farming in the spring of 1908, since when the place has been carried on by his son-in-law, Conrad Raker.

Mr. Wirt has not only become well known in his section as a successful farmer, but also in his connection with local public affairs, he having served fourteen years as school director of Little Mahanoy township, five years as supervisor under the old law, and three years in that office under the new law. For years his chief recreation has been found in fishing, and before the sulphur of the coal mines killed the fish of the Mahanoy creeks he caught large numbers. His trips are usually successful, and he takes great delight in a good catch.

In 1876 Mr. Wirt married Amanda Swartz, daughter of the late David and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Swartz. To this union was born one child, Tama, now the wife of Conrad Raker, who as previously stated is now engaged in cultivating the Wirt farm. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt have one son, Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. Paul's Church, at Urban, in Jordan township. Politically he is a Democrat.

Daniel Wirt, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born May 6, 1829, at Mandata, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and died there Sept. 9, 1855, at the early age of twenty-six years. His death was caused by typhoid fever. Early in life he began to learn the milling business, working at the Mandata mill for ten years, until his



death. He owned the property, obtaining it from his father, and was on the road to prosperity when cut down so suddenly. He was a particularly well built and strong man, and his early death was deeply mourned. On Jan. 10, 1853, he married Rebecca Seiler, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ebright) Seiler, residents of Jackson township, this county. Daniel Wirt is buried at Zion's Church in Stone Valley, of which he and his wife were Lutheran members. They had two children, John and Sarah, the daughter marrying Dr. Richard P. Haas; they reside at Williamstown, Pa. Ten years after Mr. Wirt's death his widow married Henry Dornsife, of Little Mahanoy township, and they moved to Kansas City, Mo. They had four children, Ervin, Elizabeth, Samuel and Daniel, all in Kansas City. Mrs. Dornsife is now (1911) seventy-seven years old.

JOHN WIRT, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Seiler) Wirt, was born Oct. 5, 1855, at Mandata, Jordan township. He received his education in the common schools, and when sixteen commenced to learn cabinetmaking, which he has continued to follow to the present time. He served his apprenticeship at Sunbury, and at the end of eight years' training and experience there began working for the Pennsylvania Railway Company in the shops at Renovo, Clinton Co., Pa., remaining there six years. In the spring of 1885 he came to Rockefeller township, this county, settling near Seven Points, at the place where he has since made his home. Here he owns one of the best farms in the county, a level, fertile tract in a high state of cultivation, for though he has combined farming with his other interests he has made a success of both. He is a practical agriculturist, as his fine crops show, and his buildings and all the farm surroundings bespeak excellent management and a care in the details which betokens unusual executive ability. In 1904 Mr. Wirt erected a large hay barn, and in 1905 he remodeled the residence. He is constantly making changes which improve the appearance of his property and enhance its value as a home as well as from a more material point of view.

Meantime Mr. Wirt has followed the undertaking business, in the pursuit of which he has become one of the best known men in his section of the county, his patronage coming principally from Shamokin, Rockefeller and Lower Augusta townships, though he has had many customers outside of that particular territory. Since he embarked in that business, in 1890, he has conducted 1,468 funerals. He is an intelligent and esteemed citizen, and has high standing among his neighbors and friends.

On Jan. 15, 1880, Mr. Wirt married Emma Caroline Weiser, and they have three children: Jennie M., now the wife of Frederick Drumbellier, of Sunbury; Earl; and Beulah R. Mr. Wirt and

his family are members of the Reformed congregation at Augustaville. He is a Republican and has taken considerable interest in local politics, having served as judge of elections. He was constable for many years, and has also been supervisor of his township.

Mrs. Wirt is a descendant of Conrad Weiser, the celebrated interpreter and friend of the Indians, whose name is so closely linked with the Colonial history of this section of Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Jacob Weiser, was a grandson of Conrad, and had brothers Peter, John, Jonathan and Thomas, and sisters Caroline, Lavinia, and five not named. Jacob Weiser was a native of near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., was a carpenter by occupation, and lived near Herndon, in Northumberland county. He married Mary Magdalena Highhold, who was from Myers-town, Lebanon Co., Pa., and who was a member of the family generally known by its proper name of Eichholtz, of which "Highhold" is an Anglicized corruption; most of the family use the original spelling. Jacob and Mary Magdalena Weiser had a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, namely: Elizabeth Regina, Rebecca, Reuben, John, Caroline, Emanuel, Levi, Lavinia, Clementine, Sarah A., Jeremiah G. and Jonathan. Of these, Reuben, who married Esther Malick, was the father of Mrs. John Wirt.

Moses Wert, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born Jan. 24, 1832, in the Mahantango Valley in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was a lifelong farmer, living in Jordan township, near Mandata, where he had a tract of two hundred acres, until fourteen or fifteen years before his death, when he retired. Upon giving up active labor he settled in Herndon, where he died in 1904. His widow still occupies their home at that place. He was a man well known and highly respected, and though he devoted himself principally to the management of his own affairs, he served as supervisor. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Lutheran, his family adhering to the same belief. In his earlier years he belonged to the Stone Valley Church, but after removing to Herndon he became a member of the church there, and he is buried in the Wirt and Shaffer family plot at Herndon. He was a devout Christian and an enthusiastic church worker, serving in various church offices and taking a keen interest in the welfare of the Sunday school.

Mr. Wert married Mary Ann Spotts and they had four children, namely: Clara Rebecca married George T. Shaffer, of Herndon, who is deceased; Emma J. married John P. Tressler, of Herndon; Alveretta, who died in 1886, was the wife of Dr. Fred D. Raker, of Shamokin; John A. married Ella S. Eisenhart.





The following account of the Wirts was given by Mrs. Emma Wert Lentz, of Altoona, Pa.: My great-grandfather's name was John Wirt 1st and my grandfather's name was John Wirt 2d. He was married to Elizabeth Miller. They had seven sons and two daughters (my father, Simon Wirt, of Millersburg, being the oldest), Simon, Elias, Josiah, Joseph, Jonathan, Amos, Benjamin, Susan and Rebecca.

I glean from my father's obituary that his grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, served seven years under George Washington and participated in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine. His father, John Wirt, 2d, was in the war of 1812 and had a son and grandsons in the Civil war. I have lost sight of some of my cousins and cannot give an accurate list. There were five in our immediate family: (1) Linda E. E. (2) Sarah A. married H. H. Moper, of Millersburg, and had three sons: Charles E., of Hughesville, Pa.; Simon, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and H. H. Neff, deceased. Her second marriage was to Jonas Garman of Lykens by whom she had two daughters, Jessie and Pauline, Mrs. William Ennis and Mrs. Russell Brodus, both of Bowling Green, Va. (3) Mary C. married Cyrus Mark, of Lebanon county, and (second) Frank S. Bowman, of Millersburg, and had two sons: Hay Wirt, editor of the *Millersburg Sentinel*, and Rev. Dr. Linn, pastor of Park Avenue M. E. Church, Philadelphia. (4) Rev. John A., D. D. married Martha Buehler, of Gettysburg, and had four sons, Ray and Edgar, deceased, John (married) and Guyon. (5) Emma J. married Rev. D. S. Lentz, and has had four children, Suzanne, Linda Wirt, Marie, and David (deceased).

Edgar, son of Dr. Wirt, of Des Moines, was married and had two children, a daughter and a son.

**WILLIAM E. STOFFLETT**, jeweler and optician at Shamokin, Pa., has enjoyed a career in that city that is a good illustration of what may be accomplished in a very short time by true worth and the exercise of upright business principles. Mr. Stofflett came to Shamokin in 1902, and in these few years has won a merited place in the front rank of the best and most prominent citizens.

The early home of the Stofflett family was in Alsace Lorraine, France, the emigrant ancestor coming from there to America and settling in what is now Northampton county, Pa., and in the latter place Josiah Stofflett, great-grandfather of William E., was born. He followed farming, and led a life of industry and integrity.

Levi Stofflett, son of Josiah, was born in Northampton county, and he, too, became a farmer. He died in his native county.

Joseph Stofflett, son of Levi, was born in Northampton county. In his young manhood he learned

the bricklayer's trade, which he followed some time, and then began contracting and building. He was very successful and continued in active work until his death, April 12, 1906. He was buried at a church near Allentown. He married Susanna Heberly, who died in 1904. They had four sons: Rev. Sefellen E., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., is now a minister of the Reformed Church, and is located at Hazleton, Pa. Levi J. continued his father's contracting business, and is located in Northampton county. William E. is mentioned below. Joseph H., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, was admitted to the Northampton bar, and died in 1902, a young man of great promise.

William E. Stofflett was born near Allentown, Pa., Aug. 7, 1870, and attended the local schools and Allentown business college. He then began to learn the jeweler's trade, spending two years in Reading with G. A. Slichter. From Reading he went to New York City, where he was employed for twelve years. Coming to Shamokin in 1902 he established his present place of business, and now has the leading store of its kind in this section. His progressive spirit and honorable methods have made him exceedingly popular. His stock is large and of wide assortment, embracing everything to be found in a thoroughly up-to-date jewelry store. He is himself not only a thorough watchmaker, competent to regulate the most intricate of timepieces, but he is a licensed optician, holding a diploma from the Spencer Optical Institute in New York City. His establishment is well equipped with all the appliances necessary for making eye examinations and fitting glasses.

Mr. Stofflett is active in fraternal work. He is a member of Lodge No. 291, F. & A. M., Malone, N. Y.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 177, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He also belongs to the local lodge of Elks, and the Business Men's Association.

Mr. Stofflett married Lydia Miller, daughter of Edward Miller, of Utica, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Ruth, who is still in school. Politically Mr. Stofflett is a Republican, but he has never taken much active part in party work.

**AMBROSE S. CAMPBELL**, of Rush township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming, trucking and fruit growing, traces his ancestral line back to John Campbell, a native of the North of Ireland who came to America about 1775 and settled at Philadelphia, Pa. On March 4, 1786, he married Elizabeth Stauts, of Bucks county, Pa., who was born Nov. 25, 1768. They soon moved to Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., where Mr. Campbell purchased the farm which he tilled





until his death, which occurred Dec. 19, 1810. Mrs. Campbell survived him almost thirty-two years, meantime removing with some of her children to Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y., where she died March 10, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were stanch members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children:

(1) Mary, born Jan. 5, 1787, married John Carpenter March 4, 1806, and died Aug. 6, 1847. She was the mother of eleven children, viz: Eliza, born Dec. 29, 1806, married Andrew Marshall March 4, 1823, and had twelve children; David, born April 8, 1809, married Mary Ware Aug. 2, 1832, and had one child by that union, on Feb. 11, 1836, marrying (second) M. Mitcheltree, by whom he had five children; Priscilla, born May 6, 1811, married Jan. 24, 1828, John Pepperman, and had twelve children; Jesse B., born Oct. 10, 1813, married May 4, 1847, Phoebe Carpenter (no relative) and had four children; Nancy, born Nov. 14, 1815, died April 1, 1819; Susan A., born March 9, 1818, married Levi Tate July 29, 1838, and had nine children; Sophia, born April 16, 1820, married Jonas Newcomer Jan. 15, 1835, and had six children; Maria A., born Feb. 12, 1822, married Joseph L. Rank Jan. 15, 1839, and had ten children; John J., born May 1, 1824, married Mary Marshall Dec. 22, 1846, and had seven children; William, born April 6, 1826, died in infancy; Rebecca, born July 29, 1829, died Jan. 26, 1847. John Carpenter, the father of this family, died at Williamsport, Pa., July 3, 1865.

(2) Jane, born Dec. 5, 1789, was married March 17, 1807, to Philip Goodman, who for many years kept a hotel at Danville, Pa. He was born Sept. 8, 1785, and died at Danville Sept. 1, 1837. Mrs. Goodman dying there Dec. 23, 1847. They had five children: Peter S., born Dec. 24, 1808, married Sarah Van De Mark July 20, 1828, and died Jan. 11, 1854 (he had two children); Ann Eliza, born Nov. 22, 1810, was married March 6, 1833, to Dr. Samuel G. Maus, of Danville, and died Dec. 6, 1882, in Chicago, Ill. (she had three children); John C., born Jan. 22, 1813, died young; Priscilla C., born Feb. 17, 1814, married Oct. 15, 1833, Isaac B. Ogden, and had nine children; Isaac C., born April 19, 1816, died in infancy.

(3) David, born Dec. 5, 1791, married Dec. 17, 1810, Elizabeth Wilson, and died April 24, 1821. His five children were: Jane, born May 16, 1813, married Daniel Bradshaw and had two children: Philip, born in 1815, died in 1855; Amy, born Dec. 24, 1817, married Willis Vertz, in August, 1838, and had thirteen children; John H., born in December, 1818, was married in August, 1838, to Sarah Wortz, and had thirteen children, Margaret (born Sept. 1, 1839, died April 5, 1843), Ambrose (born June 30, 1841), Mary (born Nov. 19, 1843, died June 30, 1844), Ireoni (born Aug. 25, 1845,

married Hiram Carl, had four children, and died March 4, 1879), Sara (born in December, 1846, died March 28, 1865), Sabina (born Nov. 13, 1847, married Dan. B. Brown in 1869 and had four children), David (born Feb. 9, 1849, died in infancy), Jane (born April 17, 1850, died in infancy), George W. (born April 23, 1851, married Caroline Gearhart), Wilson (born April 18, 1852, died in infancy), Elizabeth (born Nov. 4, 1853, died in infancy), Lydia C. (born July 18, 1855, married Jacob R. McGeily and had three children) and John H. (born Nov. 5, 1859, married Elizabeth Logan and had one child); Isaac S., born Oct. 4, 1819, married April 20, 1848, Jane A. DeHaas, and died Oct. 29, 1864, at Fortress Monroe, the father of six children, Wilson (born Dec. 5, 1848, died Dec. 1, 1850), William R. (born Dec. 5, 1851, died Sept. 3, 1852), Luella (born Dec. 25, 1852, married Charles Baum Nov. 14, 1872, and had one child), Sara J. (born Jan. 1, 1855, married William E. Wise Jan. 1, 1872, and had three children), Mary E. (born Jan. 15, 1857, married William Cleinfelter Jan. 15, 1874, and had one child) and Elvira F. (born Dec. 25, 1858, married William C. King Sept. 15, 1881).

(4) Priscilla, born March 17, 1794, died Jan. 2, 1883.

(5) Robert, born April 1, 1796, married Ann Moore Nov. 3, 1818, and they had two children: Susan A., born Dec. 29, 1820, who married James M. Thompson March 30, 1841, had three children, and died Sept. 28, 1849; and Elizabeth, born May 17, 1822, who married John S. Thompson Dec. 30, 1843, and had seven children. On April 1, 1827, Robert Campbell married (second) Sara Brees, who was born May 31, 1808, in Sussex county, N. J., and died Dec. 16, 1853. He died Aug. 18, 1841, in Elmira, N. Y. To them were born the following children: Nancy, born June 30, 1828, who died young; John, born Sept. 20, 1829, who died young; Goodman, born Sept. 5, 1830, who married Ada J. Elston Jan. 9, 1857, and died March 16, 1864, while serving in the army (his four children were Edward, who died young; Frances A., born Aug. 15, 1859, who married George Randal March 15, 1880, and had one child; Sara Jane, born May 10, 1861, deceased; and Anna G., born May 10, 1863); Jeremiah, born Oct. 7, 1832, who died Aug. 8, 1842; Phoebe A., born Jan. 27, 1835, who married Koran J. Parker Jan. 24, 1866, and had one child; Gelena, born Dec. 26, 1836, who married Samuel W. Hunt; and Miranda, born March 3, 1839, who married Abram Elston Jan. 9, 1857, and had three children.

(6) Isaac, born May 12, 1798, married June 6, 1817, Sophia Garrison, and died June 1, 1854. They were the parents of nine children, viz: Mary Ann, born April 7, 1818, married John Fortner May 4, 1848, and had two children; David S., born Aug. 5, 1821, married Eunice R. Smith Dec.



5, 1844, and had children, Freeman (born Sept. 20, 1845), Marilla J. (born Aug. 11, 1849, married Lorenzo D. Smith and had four children), David O. (born Dec. 13, 1851, married Elmira C. Water April 7, 1874), Isaac W. (born Aug. 11, 1855, married Mara J. Reed Nov. 24, 1878, and had two children), Clark F. (born Sept. 8, 1857, married Ida Smith Dec. 30, 1880), Sara A. T. (born Oct. 9, 1860), John J. (born Jan. 1, 1863) and George S. (born Feb. 12, 1868); Elizabeth, born Jan. 28, 1823, died March 28, 1825; Peter G. is fully mentioned later; Sophia, born July 25, 1827, married Edwin Fox March 12, 1845, and had four children; Evan O. J., born Jan. 27, 1830, married Mary F. Anderson Sept. 2, 185-, and had three children, of whom Mary Ellen, born July 5, 1860, married Montgomery Conners; John G., born March 2, 1832, married Emma Sharp Sept. 18, 1858, and died March 20, 1863 (they had three children); Isaac W., born Aug. 6, 1834, married Sara J. Humbert Oct. 30, 1862, and had four children; Sara F., born Dec. 31, 1837, married Everitt G. Pierce May 8, 1866, and had two children.

(7) Elizabeth, born Oct. 18, 1802, was married March 18, 1824, to Evan O. Jackson, of Berwick, Pa., and died March 12, 1871, in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Jackson was born July 1, 1801, and died July 24, 1869. They had a family of ten children, namely: Mary died young; Elisha B., born Dec. 18, 1826, married Lavina W. Barstow, of Hoops Valley, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1861 (who died Feb. 18, 1862), and (second) Emma L. Foulon, Dec. 5, 1864 (they had four children); Josiah C., born Dec. 13, 1828, married Elizabeth Cruise May 1, 1872; Rebecca, born July 29, 1832, died young; Evan O., born March 3, 1836, died Aug. 4, 1863; Joseph, born June 11, 1839, died May 13, 1856; Edwin F., born Feb. 13, 1842, married March 14, 1873, Elizabeth Flore and died Oct. 19, 1876; Clara P. and John C., born July 30, 1844, died in infancy; and William C., born Feb. 21, 1847, died July 3, 1847.

(8) Rachel, born March 22, 1807, died Aug. 22, 1807.

(9) Rebecca, born Nov. 7, 1808, married Oct. 15, 1833, Joseph C. Bell, of New York, and was the mother of six children: Charles O., born Aug. 8, 1835, died June 25, 1855, at Chicago, Ill.; Will. A., born Sept. 28, 183-, died Oct. 1, 1877; Fred R., born Feb. 1, 1839, died Oct. 25, 1845; Joseph T., born Jan. 1, 1841, was married in June, 1869, to Nettie Larison, and died April 6, 1871; Elizabeth R., born June 4, 1843, married Henry F. Benson July 18, 1876; Josephine C., born Jan. 8, 1845, married Fred W. Hovey Sept. 29, 1869, and had three children.

Peter G. Campbell, son of Isaac and Sophia (Garrison) Campbell, was born Feb. 16, 1825, and on May 20, 1850, married Susan Barlinger. To them were born nine children: Clarina J., born

Aug. 6, 1851, married Jane Barr Dec. 20, 1874, and had three children, Emma, Harry and Pearl; Charles H., born June 24, 1853, married Mary Campbell and they have three children, Desda, Alma and Robert; Isaac, born Oct. 15, 1855, died in 1887; William, born May 22, 1858, died Aug. 28, 1860; Franklin, born Oct. 18, 1860, married Mary Reeder and has one child; Annie S., born May 20, 1863, married S. Yeager and has three children, Helen, Howard and Elizabeth; Mary M., born Sept. 27, 1864, married Hudson Savidge and has one daughter, Edna; Katie, born Nov. 19, 1866, died Nov. 9, 1877; Ambrose S. is mentioned below.

Ambrose S. Campbell, born Nov. 18, 1868, received his education in the public schools of Northumberland county and at Fort Wayne, Ind. He now owns a farm of 103 acres in Rush township, Northumberland county, and is successfully engaged in farming, trucking and fruit growing. He married Ella Savidge, and they are the parents of two children, Margaret and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

The Savidge family, to which Mrs. Ambrose S. Campbell belongs, has long been settled in Northumberland county, Enos Savidge, the founder of the family in this region, coming hither from New Jersey between 1785 and 1790. He was the father of the following children: (1) John married a Miss McCloughan, and they had two children, Frederick S. and Caroline (Mrs. Minier). Frederick S. Savidge married Rachel Elizabeth Lamberson, daughter of Nicholas and Fannie (Kimbal) Lamberson, and their children are Frances Elma, who married Samuel Pretty; Caroline Rebecca, who married Joshua McDonnel (their children are Franklin, Ernest, Clayton C. and Elma); Ifa Eldora, wife of Samuel Cotner (they have one child, Charles C.); Rufus R., who married Laura Richie (they have children Ethel and Aldred); William, who married Sara Anderson (they had one child, who is deceased); Walter F., who married Lillian Haughwout (their children are Helen and Harold); Hudson K.; Ralph, who married Ella Wyne (children, Russell and Martha); Anna, wife of W. R. Burd (she has a son Samuel, daughter Elnora May and other children); Olive, Mrs. William Deibert; John H.; and Hattie, wife of Fred Snyder (three children, Paul, Rachel and John). (2) Henry married Sarah Teitz and had one child, Mary. (3) William married Mary Ann Vastine and had a son Jared. (4) Samuel K. married Ellen Campbell and had three children, Hon. Clinton R. Harmon C. and Lizzie A., the latter the wife of Willard Robinson. (5) Enos, Jr., died at the age of thirty-six. (6) Frederick died young. (7) Elizabeth married Valentine Hausworth and had children John and Eliza. (8) Susan married William Hile and they had six children, Martha,





George, Priscilla, John, Emma and Alfred. (9) Rachel married Solomon Hartzel and had children Catherine and Isabella. (10) Mary married Philip Andrews and had children, Eliza, David and Amanda. (11) Isaac.

Isaac Savidge, son of Enos, was born in 1801, and died in 1862. He married Mary Campbell, who was born in 1803, and died in 1875, the mother of four children, as follows: (1) Rosetta married George Gonsar and had Emeline (who died young) and Mary C. (married Peter Statzell and had children Archie, Clyde, Frank and Harry). (2) Malissa married George Deibler and had two children, Emma (married D. Koder and had children, George and Ella) and Gertrude (unmarried). (3) William died single. (4) Henry T.

Henry T. Savidge, son of Isaac, born May 8, 1836, married Margaret Moore, daughter of Michael Moore, and they had two daughters: Anna M. married Percy Culp, and had children Sadie, Clyde and Nora; Ella married Ambrose S. Campbell.

Mrs. Mary (Campbell) Savidge, wife of Isaac Savidge, was a daughter of John Campbell and granddaughter of Obadiah Campbell, who came with his family from New Jersey to Rush township, Northumberland county, and settled near Elysburg.

**CLARK.** The Clark family is of early record in Northumberland county. One Jonathan Clark lived above Sunbury, in the vicinity of Klinesgrove, where he owned property and followed farming. He is buried in that section. His children were: William, John, Samuel, Wesley, Peggy (married Robert Campbell) and Mrs. Kuhrs. Of these, William settled at Roaring Creek; he had a son William. John was a farmer in his early life, but moved to Sunbury, where he lived and died; he also had a son William and daughters Mary Ann, Jane, Elizabeth and Ellen.

Wesley Clark, born above Sunbury, lived later where his son Frank is now located, in Lower Augusta township. He was a farmer, and his home place consisted of thirty-five acres, besides which he had a tract of twenty-seven acres. He died where his son Frank now lives, and is buried at the Presbyterian Church near which he lived. His wife was Mercy Yoxthimer, who came from the same vicinity as her husband, and their children were Benjamin, Malinda (died in infancy), Frank, Charles and Perry (of Juniata county, Pa.).

Frank Clark is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was born May 12, 1858, and educated in the local schools. When twenty-one he began farming on his own account, and after one year spent in the employ of others he became a tenant, about 1895 acquiring possession of the homestead. He built the present house and barn upon this tract, putting up the house in 1894, and has made

a number of improvements on the property which have added materially to its value. He married Mary Adaline Renn, daughter of John Renn, and they have had a large family: Ira married Mary Conrad and lives in Rockefeller township; John married Mary Snyder and is living in Lower Augusta township; Dean S. married Lena Kimball and they live in Sunbury; Herbert married Esther Wolf and they live in Rockefeller township; William is married to Carrie Duttinger and living in New Columbia, Pa.; Walter married Jennie Wilkison and they reside in Rockefeller township; Frank married Maud Bobb and makes his home in Milton, Pa.; George, Ida, Hazel and Annie are unmarried.

Ulrich Clark, the founder of one branch of the family now flourishing in Northumberland county, was a native of New Jersey, and came hither in young manhood, making the journey by wagon. He came by way of Reading and up the well known Tulpehocken pike through Harrisburg, and met with a band of Indians, whom he saw kill a small child, so that his first impressions of the new region were not reassuring. He settled in Upper Augusta township with his then small family, and devoted his time to clearing his land and farming.

Jackson (or John, as he was also known) Clark, son of Ulrich, was a boy of twelve when he came with his father to Northumberland county, and he was reared to farming, which he in turn took up on his own account. He became the owner of seven hundred acres in Upper Augusta township, where he lived to the end of his days, dying there. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant Church cemetery in that township. Mr. Clark was a well known man of his day. He married Miss Thomas, who was a member of a Southern family, and they had a family of seven children: William K. is mentioned below; Mary married Jacob Haupt; Louisa married Ira Shipe; Jane was twice married, her second husband being George Beard; Rebecca married Moses Shipe (brother of Ira); Elizabeth married Henry Poyer; Ellen married Silas Conrad (brother of Mrs. Harriet Eckman, of Sunbury). (At Mount Pleasant Church are buried John Clark, who died April 28, 1874, aged seventy-one years, seven months, nineteen days; and his wife Margaret, who died Nov. 25, 1876, aged seventy-one years, three months, twenty-four days. It seems reasonable to suppose that these are the John Clark and wife referred to in this paragraph.)

William K. Clark was born Jan. 25, 1830, in Upper Augusta township, and died May 1, 1895, in Sunbury. He owned a fine farm in Upper Augusta township, where he followed farming for several years, and for a number of years he was also engaged in the mercantile business, eventually removing to Sunbury, where he ended his days. He was a Republican in politics, and in





religion a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Clark married Mary Ann Newberry, who was born Dec. 18, 1831, in Point township, Northumberland county, and died March 4, 1906. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of eight children, namely: Sallie married R. B. Campbell, and had three children, Fannie, Mary and Earle; Wilson Howard is mentioned below; John Sterling, born March 31, 1861, is a farmer in Upper Augusta township; Elmer E. is mentioned below; Maggie, deceased, was the wife of John Cassett (she left no children); Robert is a resident of Plymouth, Pa.; William C. married; Hunter J. married.

WILSON HOWARD CLARK, who is now engaged in general farming in Upper Augusta township, was born in that township July 4, 1858, and there attended public school in his boyhood. For some years he was employed by the Sunbury Gas Company, and he followed the same line of work for a number of years, in Ohio, Indiana (at Goshen), New Orleans (La.) and Plymouth, Pa., where he lived for a number of years. He remained there until 1905, in which year he returned to his native township, where he has a farm of 137 acres. He is engaged in general agricultural work, in which he has been very successful, and is one of the most respected citizens of his section. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are Methodists in religious matters.

On June 26, 1880, Mr. Clark married Hannah Shonk, daughter of Caleb Shonk, who lived at Plymouth, Pa.; the Shonk family came into this section from New Jersey. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: Howard Wilson, Jr.; Caleb S.; William K.; Helen M., who is a student at Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa.; and Walter F.

ELMER E. CLARK has been in business in Sunbury since 1907, in which year he bought out the well known and old established planing mill of the late Ira T. Clement, which he now conducts under the name of the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company, doing planing mill work of all kinds. The plant is one of the important factors in the industrial prosperity of the borough, and Mr. Clark has, by his ability and enterprise, shown himself worthy to be classed among Sunbury's substantial business men. He was born April 21, 1862, in Point township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Upper Augusta township. He worked for his father on the farm until he went to Danville, Pa., where he was employed in a rolling mill for two years, after which he went to Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he also remained two years, engaged in the mines and as a clerk. Following this he took a course at Coleman's business college, in Newark, N. J., from which institution he was graduated. He was married there and then went

to West Virginia, where he acquired extensive interests in the lumber business, manufacturing all kinds of lumber, becoming president of a bank, and otherwise maintaining important business associations in his section. Meantime he became a member of the firm of Clark Brothers, composed of himself and his brothers W. C. and H. J. Clark, who established their extensive plant at Plymouth, Pa., which through their experience, energy and ability has attained the distinction of being the largest of its kind in central Pennsylvania. The business at Plymouth was under the direction of the other two brothers, Elmer E. Clark looking after their interests in West Virginia during his residence in that State. The Clark Brothers established the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company on the property forming a part of the estate of the late Ira T. Clement, on Race street, adjoining the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Sunbury. The lumber business of that borough is one of its most valuable industrial assets, giving it high standing as a commercial and shipping center, and the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company soon took its place among the most prosperous institutions of its kind. Mr. W. C. Clark took the management of the Sunbury plant, which was equipped with all modern machinery and devices necessary to the production of high-grade woodwork, a sixty horse power engine supplying the motive force. The lumber yard carries the largest stock of seasoned timber of any similar concern in Sunbury, and a switch connecting it with the railroad makes the facilities for transportation particularly good. The firm has handled some very large contracts.

After a residence of nineteen years in Virginia Mr. Clark returned to his native county, in 1907, giving his time to the conduct of the old established planing mill purchased from the Ira T. Clement estate. He owns this mill, but it is now idle. The business, located at Third and Arch streets, is at one of the oldest stands in this district, and Mr. Clark has enjoyed a large trade in all kinds of mill work, giving regular employment to between thirty-five and forty mechanics. He has made a specialty of hard wood interior finish, turning out rough and dressed lumber, the business being very comprehensive and meeting every demand of the local trade. He expanded the business steadily by progressive methods and honorable dealing, and has shown himself an exemplary member of a family which has long and excellent standing in this locality.

On Nov. 23, 1888, Mr. Clark married Isabella Forrester, daughter of George and Ellen (Campbell) Forrester and granddaughter of James Forrester. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have had two children, Chester D. (who graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1911) and Flossie E. They reside at No. 1119 East Market street, in



one of the finest homes of the borough, a beautiful Colonial residence which Mr. Clark built in 1905. Socially Mr. Clark holds membership in Ohr Lodge, No. 131, F. & A. M., and in Salem Chapter, R. A. M., of Cumberland, Md. He is a Methodist in religious connection.

One William Clark bought on Feb. 17, 1786, a warrant of land containing 298 acres, from George Pearson, land agent. Part of this tract is now owned by Jacob Keefer, at Keefer's station, in Upper Augusta township. On Feb. 23, 1789, William Clark bought another tract of land in Upper Augusta township, from George Withington. His son, George Clark, lived in Derry township, Northumberland (now Montour) Co., Pa., and died Feb. 5, 1813, in the house he had occupied for over two years before that event. His wife's name was Mary; and his father, William, was then deceased.

Robert Clark, pioneer of White Deer township, Northumberland (now Union) county, was one of the earliest of the family in this region and probably brother of William, above, as he was one of several brothers, Walter, William (?), James, Adam and himself, as well as some sisters; there may have been brothers John and Joseph also. In his will, made Dec. 23, 1790, probated May 31, 1798, his son George and "my brother" Walter Clark are appointed executors, and he gives his beloved wife Jean Clark twelve pounds yearly, the oldest mare, her saddle and bridle, milch cow, the case of drawers that stand in back room, her wheel and reel, 2 "cheers," all the "citchen" furniture; his daughter Elonor Fruit fifty pounds; his daughter Margaret Clark one feather bed and bed clothes, new saddle and bridle and wheel and one hundred pounds money; he also mentions his daughter Agnes Clark, and sons Robert (to receive one hundred pounds when he comes of age), George, Charles and John. There may have also been a son Jonathan. Of these sons,

John Clark, who lived in White Deer township, Northumberland (now Union) county, died there prior to June 21, 1810. He made his last will and testament May 1, 1810, and in it we find: "I nominate my uncle William Clark and my dear brother Robert Clark my executors." His brother Robert was the executor. Items of the will were: "I bequest 225 pounds to my brother Robert Clark. I bequest 125 pounds to be divided betwixt Polly, Jane and Charles Clark, the children of my brother Charles Clark, deceased. I bequest the same unto my brother George Clark, and my sisters Elenor Frust, Margaret Donnaly and Nancy Finney."

Adam Clark, who lived and died in what is now Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, left a large estate which he divided by will (made April 15, 1803) as follows: "To my daughter Jane Eustice 100 pounds; to my daughter Mattie Clark 100 pounds; to grandsons Abner

and Alexander Clark I bequest 458 acres of land in Bigtree township, Ontario County, N. Y.; to granddaughter Margaret Clark 100 pounds when she becomes eighteen; to grandson Adam Clark 300 pounds; to granddaughter Margaret Sayers 25 pounds; to my niece Ann Falkner 25 pounds; the balance of my estate I bequest unto my grandchildren Abner, Alexander, Margaret and Adam Clark, and Margaret Sayers." The executors were John Wilson, Esq., of Chillisquaque township, and John Montgomery, of Mahoning township.

John Clark (e), of West Buffalo township, then in Northumberland county, made his will Dec. 9, 1807, and it was probated March 9, 1809. In it he mentions Jane, who married David Watson, and William and Jane, children of his son Joseph Clarke.

John Clark (who it is said had a brother Jonathan in Northumberland county) came from New Jersey and settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. He is buried at Snyder-town. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a farmer, and owned the place now the property of Daniel Kembel. He was twice married, but had no children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Guss. His family was as follows: Elizabeth, who married Henry Cooner; Rebecca, who married Samuel Wallize; Jonathan; Mary, who married Solomon Sterner; Lukens; Samuel, who died in Rush township; John, who lived in Upper Augusta township; and William.

William Clark, son of John, above, was born in Upper Augusta township and lived on Little Roaring creek, in Rush township, where he owned two farms, having about three hundred acres of land. He was a member and trustee of the Rush Presbyterian Church, and is buried at that church. He was quite active in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and in other offices. To his marriage with Jane Moore were born seven children, namely: Lukens lived in Iowa; Asenath married John Bird; Hamilton lived in Catawissa, Pa.; Mary married Clinton Kase; Margaret married John Wallize; William lived in Rush township; Sarah Ellen married Philip M. Forrester and is now (1911) past seventy years of age.

Henry Clark, from whom another branch of this family is descended, was a farmer in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., owning a farm in his earlier life, and later was a butcher and laborer. He was a member of Salem Church, where he is buried. His children were: John S.; Joel, of Pitman, Pa.; Frank, of Upper Mahanoy township; Polly, who married John Klock; Abbie, who married Chester Dressler; Elmira, who married Enoch Wehry; Angelina, who married Harry Bobbenmoyer, an extensive contractor of Lebanon, Pa.; and Amelia, who married Benjamin Fetter.

John S. Clark, son of Henry, is a farmer in





Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he owns a fifty-acre property which he cultivates. He has been a useful citizen of his locality, and has served a number of years as school director and supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious connection is with Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church, of which he has been deacon and trustee and is at present serving as elder. His wife also belongs to that church. Mr. Clark married Sophia Romberger, daughter of Henry Romberger, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, and they have had a large family: Mary, who married Charles Wiest; Jane, who died aged twenty-one years, three months, three days; Barbara, who married Albert Schwalm (brother of Mrs. H. Preston Clark); H. Preston; Daniel R., of Valley View, Pa.; Catharine J., who married William Fetter; Bertha, who married Robert Wolfgang; Mabel; John, and Gurney W.

H. PRESTON CLARK, son of John S., was born April 27, 1876, in Upper Augusta township, where he obtained his education in the common schools. He was reared to farming, which he began for himself in the spring of 1901, at his present home in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he owns eighty-nine acres. This was formerly a Rebuck homestead, and part of the farm was owned by the Simmis family, who were colored people; they are buried in a private lot on the Ammon Knorr farm. Mr. Clark built his barn in 1904.

On Aug. 28, 1900, Mr. Clark married Ida Schwalm, daughter of Fred and Sarah (Rubenthal) Schwalm, and granddaughter of Frederick Schwalm. Five children have been born to them, Sadie E. (who died in infancy), Carrie S., Edgar A., Della L. and Calvin A. Mr. Clark and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church, which he has served as deacon.

JACOB WARNER MIFFLIN, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, senior member of the firm of Mifflin & Miller, manufacturers of brick and dealers in lumber and other commodities, is also extensively engaged as a contractor and builder, his work in that line taking him all over the county. His interests in this region are varied, and he is recognized as one of its most progressive citizens, exercising a wholesome influence upon its industrial welfare and active in its best development. He is a native of the county, born Jan. 28, 1871, at Bear Gap, and comes of a family of English origin which has been settled in America since early Colonial times. The generations of the family are numbered beginning with the first ancestor in this country.

(I) John Mifflin was born in 1638 in Warminster, Wiltshire, England, whence he came to America with his son John in the year 1676, or be-

tween that year and 1679. It is probable that they sailed in one of the five ships containing colonists who were members of the Society of Friends, who disembarked at what is now Burlington, N. J., in 1677 or 1678. They were prominent in the early history of Philadelphia, where they eventually settled. After working some time among the Swedes, upon the banks of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, until they could fix upon a place to settle, they chose a tract lying on the east side of the Schuylkill, which they took up on the Duke of York's patent. The title, dated from the court of Upland or Chester (then held at Kingsess), 8th month, 13, 1680, named the area as 300 acres, but it was resurveyed in 1682 and patent taken under William Penn, the original title being confirmed by Penn 5th month, 18, 1684; the tract was then designated as containing 270 acres. The Mifflins settled there on the 13th of the 8th month, 1680, living in a small house near the riverside. John Mifflin named the place "Fountain Green" and it is now included in Fairmount park, in Philadelphia. The dwelling which stood until comparatively recent times was situated in the ravine below and to the west of the site of the Smith Memorial Children's Playhouse, and to the east of the Benedict Arnold house. A guard who was employed in the park for over twenty-five years remembered seeing the house in 1871 and described it as a large dwelling, with pillars supporting the front porch. All that now remains to mark the site is the spring which is known to have been at the rear of the house and the stumps of two giant chestnut trees that stood in front of the house. The wife of John Mifflin, the elder, followed him to America, coming from England soon after the marriage of the son John, but she died soon after her arrival. He subsequently removed to Merion, Pa., where he married his second wife, Eleanora, about 1685. He died in Philadelphia on the 4th of the 7th month, 1716, when over seventy years old, his second wife surviving him.

(II) John Mifflin, son of John, came to America with his father. He was born in 1661 in Wiltshire, England, and married Elizabeth Hardy, who was about twenty-one when she came over with William Penn on his first voyage, in 1682, from Derbyshire, England, with a shipload of Derbyshire people who settled on Darby creek, and called the place Darby Town. Soon afterward John Mifflin, who lived four or five miles distant, became acquainted with her, and their marriage was solemnized at a Meeting of Friends held at Chester or near it on the 6th of 12th month, 1683 or 1684. Upon his father's removal to Merion, as above related, John Mifflin purchased the whole of the property and resided there until his death, which occurred the 4th of the 4th month, 1714, in his fifty-fourth year. His wife, who was







*Robert Miffline*

AND GRANDSON JOHN WARNER MIFFLIN



born at 1663, survived him, dying in Philadelphia 21st of 6th month, 1736. They had children as follows: (1) Edward, born in 1685, is the next in line to Jacob Warner Mifflin. (2) George, born in 1688, lived in Philadelphia, and was admitted a freeman of that city in April, 1717. He was a merchant, 1736; member of council, 1730; member of governor's council, 1730; owner, 1731; and interested in the Colebrookdale Furnace, the oldest in Pennsylvania, erected in 1720. He was married in Philadelphia to Esther Codery, daughter of Hugh and Deborah Codery, and they were the grandparents of Thomas Mifflin, governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Mifflin died at Philadelphia 10th of 4th month, 1758. By his father's will he received a house and lot on the south side of High street. (3) John, born in 1690, was admitted a freeman of Philadelphia in April, 1717, and lived there and in Kent county, Del., dying in the latter place about 1733. His wife's name was Elizabeth. (4) Elizabeth, born in 1692, married Benjamin Oram about 1714, and died about 1732. (5) Patience, born in 1694, died unmarried in 1717. (6) Jane, born in 1696, was married in Philadelphia in 1717 to John Waller. (7) Samuel, born in 1698, died in Philadelphia in 1724. His wife's name was Elizabeth. (8) Jonathan, born in 1699, died in 1700. (9) Jonathan (2), born at "Fountain Green" 12th of 4th month, 1704, died 15th of 10th month, 1781. He lived on a plantation near the Germantown road. In 1776 he wrote a history of the Mifflin family. In 1723 he married in Philadelphia Sarah Robinson; in 1752 he married (second) Rebecca Evans, and in 1758 he married (third) Sarah Powell.

(III) Edward Mifflin, eldest son of John, was born in 1685, and removed to Accomac county, Va. He married Mary Eyre, daughter of Daniel and Ann (Neech) Eyre, of Northampton county, Va., and they had children: John, Daniel, Ann, Samuel and Southey. Edward Mifflin died in 1743, his widow in 1775. Most of their descendants reside in Camden, Delaware.

(IV) Daniel Mifflin, of Accomac county, Va., son of Edward, was born in 1722, and died in 1795. He was the father of fourteen children, five by his first marriage, to Mary Warner: Warner, mentioned below; Edward, born in 1747, who died in infancy; Anna, born in 1748; Sarah, born in 1751; and Daniel, born 7th of 4th month, 1754, who married Deborah Howell in 1778 and died 31st of 12th month, 1812. By his second wife, Ann, he had nine children, namely: Walker, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Eyre, Rebecca, Patience and Elizabeth (2).

(V) Warner Mifflin, son of Daniel, born in 1745, died in 1798. Through the interest and efforts of his descendants the fence surrounding the now abandoned Murtherkill or Motherkill burying ground was replaced (1904) and a stone

bearing the following inscription placed on the lot:

Motherkill Burying Ground  
Within This Enclosure  
Are Interred The Remains  
of

Warner Mifflin  
Friend, Philanthropist, Patriot  
Born Aug. 21, 1745  
Died October 16, 1798

His plantation, an extensive one, was near Franklin City, and commanded a fine view of Chincoteague Bay and Island. "Pharsalis," the residence, is still standing, and was described by a visitor in 1903 as a house which gave evidence of having been a fine place in its day.

Warner Mifflin's first marriage, which took place in Philadelphia, was to Elizabeth Johns, and to them were born nine children: (1) Mary, born 21st of 4th month, 1768, died 23d of 2d month, 1783. (2) Elizabeth, born 14th of 2d month, 1770, died 29th of 2d month, 1770. (3) Elizabeth (2), born 26th of 1st month, 1771, married Clayton Cowgill in 1792. (4) Sarah, born 4th of 4th month, 1773, died 7th month, 1773. (5) Ann, born 20th of 9th month, 1774, married Warner Rasin, of Maryland, in 1795. (6) Warner is mentioned below. (7) Susanna, born 24th of 7th (or 8th) month, 1779, married John Cowgill, of Little Creek. (8) Hannah, born 30th of 10th month, 1781, died 11th of 5th month, 1785. (9) Sarah, born 9th of 12th month, 1784, married Daniel Neall, of Philadelphia, in 1810, and died 5th of 2d month, 1837.

By his second marriage, which also took place in Philadelphia, to Ann Emlen, Mr. Mifflin had three children: Samuel E., born in 1790; Lemuel, born in 1792; and Mary Ann, born in 1795, who died the same year.

(VI) Warner Mifflin, son of Warner, was born the 6th of 4th month, 1777, and died in 1840. On 8th of 3d month, 1810, he was married to Sarah Ann Newlin, daughter of Thomas Newlin, of Chester county, Pa., and his second marriage, on 18th of 10th month, 1825, was to Elizabeth Laws, of Philadelphia, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (John) Laws.

(VII) DR. GEORGE W. MIFFLIN, son of Warner, was born Dec. 30, 1834, and when a young man prepared himself for the dental profession at Philadelphia. He followed it for some time, at Catawissa and at Bear Gap, Pa., and finally settled at Paxinos, Northumberland county, where he built the well known "Paxinos Hotel." He conducted that hostelry successfully for about twenty-six years, and meantime was the main factor in the development of the place, building all but one of the houses in the village. Retiring from the hotel business he removed to Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., where he died March 23, 1901. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union serv-





ice, from Erie, Pa. He was one of the best known residents of his district, a man of many friends, and well liked by all who knew him. On May 27, 1869, Dr. Mifflin married Mary E. Leisenring, who was born in 1840, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bucher) Leisenring, and granddaughter of Henry Bucher, of Sunbury, this county. Jacob Leisenring was born July 14, 1794, and died May 11, 1878; his wife Mary (Bucher) died in 1873, aged seventy-three years, six months. Mrs. Mifflin died June 2, 1909, and was buried at the Blue church. Two children were born to her and her husband: Jacob Warner and Elizabeth, the latter dying at the age of thirteen years.

(VIII) Jacob Warner Mifflin attended public school in Shamokin township and later was a student at the Bloomsburg normal school and the Shamokin Business College. From that time on he was engaged in mercantile business until he entered his present line, in 1908, at which time he formed a partnership with E. J. Miller, to engage in the manufacture of brick. The firm of Mifflin & Miller conducts the brickyard founded by Daniel Swank, one of the first operated in this district, and does a large business, giving employment to about twenty-five men. They are also dealers in coal, sand, lime, cement and lumber. Mr. Mifflin has also been engaged in contracting and building for some years, doing a large business in that line all over Northumberland county. As a live, enterprising business man, one who possesses the qualities of leadership in the industrial world, he is regarded as second to none in his town and district, and his well directed energy has not only brought prosperity to him but to the community in which he resides.

On June 24, 1897, Mr. Mifflin married Mary Moore, daughter of Capt. John and Emma (Barton) Moore, the former of whom was captain of Company I, 13th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin have had two children: John Warner, born May 4, 1899; and Elizabeth, born Feb. 28, 1902. Mr. Mifflin is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. Socially he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks (Shamokin Lodge), Knights of the Golden Eagle and Royal Arcanum. He is a Democrat in his political views.

**TRESSLER.** The Tresslers of Northumberland county are a family of German origin which has been settled in Pennsylvania since 1749. The name is properly Dressler, but all save one of Jacob Tressler's children and their descendants have spelled it Tressler since 1854. Squire John Tressler, for fifty years a justice of the peace of Washington township, Northumberland county—the oldest justice as regards length of service in that county; his brother Isaac B. Tressler, post-

master at Mahanoy, and the best known man in Jackson township and that part of Northumberland county; Cornelius M. Tressler, an intelligent citizen of Lower Mahanoy township—these men and their families all represent a type of citizenship which has made the name respected wherever known.

Four Dressler brothers came to America during the middle half of the eighteenth century, John, Joseph David, Peter and Michael, the first named, who settled in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., where he was a farmer, being the ancestor of the line we are tracing. He emigrated to this country in 1749. His son Michael was a soldier under Washington in the Revolutionary war. Of the other three, Joseph David came to America in 1738; Peter came in 1739, when twenty-five years old; and Michael came in 1771.

Andrew Dressler, son of John, was born May 28, 1746, in Germany, near a "dorf" called "Yakst," near the "Schwabeland." He was three years old when brought to America by his father in 1749, to Goshenhoppen, Berks Co., Pa. The Federal Census of 1790 records Andrew and Mich'l Dressler; George Tressler; Philip Tressler (one son above sixteen and three daughters); Andrew Dressler, of Greenwich township, with two sons and three daughters; and David Dressler, of Greenwich township, with two sons and one daughter. However, the Andrew Dressler (son of John) who was the ancestor of the Northumberland county Tresslers settled in early life at Loysville, in Perry county, Pa., where he married (first) Mary Loy, who bore him seven or eight children. All of these died but John Jacob Dressler, who is mentioned more fully below. For his second wife Andrew Dressler married Catharine Homan, of Germantown, near Philadelphia, and they had an only son, John. Andrew Dressler died Oct. 21, 1828, aged eighty-two years, at Loysville, Perry county, where he is buried. His second wife died May 12, 1850.

John Dressler, half-brother of John Jacob Dressler, was born July 22, 1803, and lived and died at Loysville. He donated the land upon which Dressler's Seminary was located (as well as the seminary building) to the Lutheran denomination for an orphans' home. In May, 1826, he married Elizabeth Loy, and they reared a family of thirteen children: John Andrew, Sarah Ann, Mary Catharine, Victor George, John William, Eliza Jane, Daniel Loy, Josiah Erva, Mary Ellen, Martin Luther, Matilda Emaline, Loyetta Elizabeth and Anna Margaretta. All but one of John's descendants who survive are scattered in the West, the exception being his daughter Loyetta Elizabeth, who was born Feb. 14, 1848, at Loysville, Perry Co., Pa., and was married Sept. 16, 1874 (by her brother, D. L. Dressler), to Henry Lewis Lark, of Berksburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., who now resides in





Millersburg, Dauphin county; Mr. Lark is a prominent attorney at law of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Jacob Dressler, son of Andrew, was born Dec. 25, 1770, and was reared near Loysville, Perry county, being trained to farming, which he followed all his life. Soon after his marriage he moved from Perry county to Northumberland county, locating in Mahanoy township, and continued to live in this county for fifteen or twenty years. But before 1832 he had settled in Schuylkill county. While in Northumberland county he was a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, and succeeded in obtaining a clear title for the church property by special act of Legislature. Mr. Dressler was married in Perry county to Susanna Homan, who was born March 15, 1773, and died Jan. 31, 1845; he died April 5, 1852, and they are buried at the Salem Church, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Solomon, a farmer, lived and died in Washington township, Northumberland county; Elizabeth married William Dewitt and they lived in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Catharine married George Lahr and lived in Jackson township, this county, where both died; Jacob is mentioned below; Lydia married a Mr. Smith and they moved to Venango county, Pa.; Rebecca married David Zartman and lived in Washington township; Jonathan settled near Center Hall, in Center county, Pa.; Hannah married Godfried Thomas and lived in Jackson township; Henry settled with his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, in Venango county, Pa.; Peter remained on the homestead in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county.

Jacob Dressler, son of John Jacob, was born in Northumberland county in October, 1802, and died in October, 1850. He is interred in a private burial ground on his farm in Jackson township, Northumberland county. He was a stonemason and farmer, and prospered in his work, owning a farm of about 240 acres. Taking an active part in the public affairs of his community, he served as supervisor and in other local offices, and was a Democrat in political opinion. He was a most esteemed member of the Lutheran denomination, he and his family belonging to St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he served officially as deacon, elder and trustee, being one of the zealous workers of the congregation. He married Mary (Polly) Billman, and they had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: (1) Joseph, born in Schuylkill county Nov. 17, 1825, lived at the homestead of his father in Jackson township, later moving to Herndon, where he died Feb. 24, 1909. He is buried in St. Peter's cemetery at Mahanoy. He married Polly Peiffer, daughter of Michael Peiffer, and they had six children: William P., who is a farmer; John P., a

retired merchant at Herndon, who married Emma Wert; Henry, who died unmarried when about twenty years old; Jane, unmarried; Katie, who married William Deppen (who died leaving two sons, Irvin and William) and (second) Charles H. Raudenbush (she is now deceased); and Alice, who married George Ziegler, of Herndon. (2) Sarah, born Aug. 6, 1827, married Adam Daniel, and they lived in Washington township. Their family consisted of two sons and one daughter. Her husband dying, she married David Weary, of Schuylkill county, and died March 6, 1869. Her son John Daniel had died a few days previously, and her son Samuel Daniel a few days later. Mr. Weary died about the same time—the four deaths taking place in less than two weeks. All died of spotted fever. Malinda Daniel, the only daughter, survives; she was married to Isaac Schreffler, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, now deceased. (3) Harriet, born March 29, 1829, married Benjamin Stepp, and died May 8, 1852, leaving one son, who died in infancy, and one daughter, Sarah, who married Benjamin Lenker. Mr. and Mrs. Lenker are both deceased, as is also Mr. Stepp; he and his wife are buried at Mahanoy. (4) Daniel, born Sept. 9, 1830, settled at Story City, Iowa, and died in 190-. He married Maggie Moser, who is still living in Story City, in the enjoyment of excellent health. Three sons were born to this union, Robert, Daniel and Charles, of whom Daniel is deceased; Robert and Charles are prosperous farmers, each having a farm in Iowa. (5) Hannah, born Jan. 20, 1832, was married Jan. 25, 1855, to Michael Emerick, who was born Nov. 27, 1832, and died Dec. 26, 1899. They lived in Jordan township. Mrs. Emerick now makes her home at Mandata. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Emerick: Sarah Minerva, born Jan. 29, 1856, is married to J. F. Blasser and resides near Millersburg, Pa.; Theodore, born July 22, 1857, married Rose Latsha and resides at Mahanoy, Pa. (they have no children); Louisa C., born Aug. 31, 1859, married Jonathan M. Byerly, who lives in Jordan township, and they reared nine children, Beecher N., Josephine, Claud Alvaretta, Hannah E., Elias Michael, Saloma E., Isaac T., Maude H., and Mark Jonathan; G. J. M., born Aug. 10, 1865, married Adeline Witmer; Dr. M. L., born Nov. 10, 1872, a resident of Hickory Corners, one of the leading physicians in his section of Northumberland county, married Katie E. Lenker, and they have had three children, their only son, John Paul Luther, dying May 18, 1902, aged two years, four months, two days; Ellen Miranda, born June 15, 1874, married Isaac R. Phillips, and they had one child, Hannah H. (6) John is mentioned below. (7) Jacob B., born in Jackson township Sept. 25, 1841, died at Mahanoy Sept. 19, 1881, and is buried in St. Peter's graveyard in Jackson township.



He was a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy. By trade he was a plasterer, and for several years associated with his brother John in a general store business at Herndon. On Jan. 5, 1865, he married Susanna Hays, who survived him with eight children, Mary Sylvia (who died Jan. 7, 1882), Osmar Monitor, Eliza Irene, Edna Estie, Laura H., Isaac John, Kirby Jacob and Thomas Tilden. (8) Elias B. lives at Mahanoy. (9) Isaac B. is mentioned below. With the exception of the oldest son, Joseph, all of this family wrote the name Tressler, changing from "D" to "T" in 1854.

JOHN TRESSLER, son of Jacob and Mary (Billman) Dressler, was born in October, 1835, on a farm in Jackson township two miles southeast of what is now Herndon, and there received his early education in the old subscription schools. He was only fourteen when his father died, so his youthful advantages were somewhat limited, but nevertheless, by industry and perseverance, he managed to secure a good education. His first work on his own account was on the farm of his brother-in-law, Adam Daniel, who paid him \$35 a year. When sixteen years old he started to learn the trade of plasterer, with Jared Daniel, for whom he worked two summers, earning \$40 besides learning the business. Part of this time he was employed at Mount Carmel, and at that time there was not a house standing that is there now. Mr. Tressler followed the plasterer's trade for about twenty-five years altogether, receiving a dollar a day and his board after he had completed his apprenticeship. But in those days little or no plastering was done in the winter season, and he took advantage of this to improve himself mentally, during the winter of 1855-56 attending the academy at Berrysburg, in Dauphin county, of which Keneda Carlile was then principal. Remaining there until October, 1856, he returned to his old home and followed his trade, the following January going to Loysville, Perry county, where he also attended school, on the site of what is now the orphans' home at that point; the academy and a large tract of land about it were owned by his uncle, John Dressler, who, as above recorded, donated same for the orphans' home. At that time transportation facilities were so limited that Joseph Tressler, his older brother, took him to Loysville by team. Having prepared himself for teaching Mr. Tressler followed that profession for a number of years during the winter season, his first year's work being in Lower Mahanoy township, where he had a subscription school. For the next two terms he was at Urban, in Jordan township, later for four terms in Jackson township, and the last two terms in Schuylkill county. He taught nine terms in all, six in subscription schools and the last three under the free school system. For two years he was at Mandata. In the meantime, in the spring of 1857, he settled with

his mother on the place where he still lives, in Washington township, which he purchased at that time. With the exception of three years during which he was engaged in merchandising at Herndon he has lived there continuously since. The property comprises between three hundred and four hundred acres, eighty-five of which are cleared land. He has been a prosperous farmer, and since the fall of 1885 has also been engaged in the lumber business, running a steam sawmill. In 1876, in association with other citizens of his township, he organized the Stone Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which obtained a charter from the State department during Governor Hartranft's administration, Feb. 15, 1877, and which has enjoyed an unbroken career of prosperity. Mr. Tressler has held the office of secretary ever since the organization. It is, however, in his capacity of justice of the peace that Mr. Tressler is best known to his fellow citizens and has been of the greatest service to his community. At the spring election of 1860, when he was but twenty-four years old, he was chosen justice of the peace for Washington township, and received his commission from Governor Packer, April 10th. He has been reelected to succeed himself at the end of each term since, having held the office now for fifty consecutive years—a record of long-continued confidence which he has well merited. He has tried many civil cases, but few of which have been appealed; has tried a number of criminal cases, the majority of which have been settled in his court; and, with all this, has always made it a rule, whenever possible, to settle cases out of court, not only because of the financial saving to those interested, but because it gives him more satisfaction to be able to adjust difficulties of any kind in that way. In hundreds of cases he has been successful in persuading people to settle their differences without resorting to the law, and he has saved his neighbors many dollars in legal costs in this way alone. Such is their confidence in him that he is constantly called upon to draw up deeds, and he has settled a large number of estates, either as administrator, executor or assignee, his services in this connection having proved most reliable in every instance. He has the patronage in matters of this kind of the residents of surrounding townships as well as those in his own neighborhood, his reputation for integrity, for intelligent counsel and as a disinterested adviser making him an authority consulted and respected by a very wide circle. His own modest and unassuming ways, excellent habits and prudent living have won him the esteem of the many who know and admire him.

Mr. Tressler has been a lifelong Democrat and quite active in the work of the organization, having served two years as member of the executive committee of the county and as delegate to three State conventions—at Williamsport, Harrisburg





and Altoona. He has been mentioned for county office on several occasions. For many years he has been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, belonging to the Brick Church at Mahanoy, which he has served as trustee for over a quarter of a century.

On Dec. 25, 1857, Mr. Tressler married Leah Bordner, daughter of Jonathan and Leah (Kiehl) Bordner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and to them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters: Hannah M., who lives at home; Adam B., late of Mahanoy, Pa., who died Oct. 6, 1908, leaving his wife, Millie, and two children, C. C. (now professor at the Trevorton high school) and Gert-rude, who is also teaching school in the township; Henry A., a plasterer; Jacob F., a plasterer; Alvaretta, Mrs. John Kressinger; J. C., mentioned below; Leah S., Mrs. Samuel Diehl, of Mahanoy; and Emma J., Mrs. M. P. Bower, of Loyaltown, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

J. C. TRESSLER, son of Squire John Tressler, was born July 15, 1873, in Washington township, and was there reared to farm life. He attended the public schools of the township and later the Keystone State Normal, at Kutztown, in 1893, receiving his license to teach from Prof. Ira Shipman in 1895. When a mere boy he had learned the trade of plasterer, working at same with his father and brothers during the summer months for a number of years, and he continued to do plastering in the season and to teach school during the winter for some years, teaching seven consecutive terms of school in Washington township. On March 19, 1906, he became tax clerk in the county commissioners' office, and was thus engaged until March 1, 1909, when he was appointed deputy prothonotary of the county by I. T. C. Dissinger. He gives all his time to the duties of this office, in which he is giving great satisfaction. Like his father, Mr. Tressler is an enthusiastic worker in the Democratic party, in whose local councils he is quite influential. In 1904 he was elected justice of the peace of Jordan township, but never took his commission. He is very well and favorably known all over this section.

On Aug. 29, 1896, Mr. Tressler married Agnes L. Geise, daughter of Daniel and Froene (Troutman) Geise, the former a prominent farmer near Urban, in Jordan township. Two children have been born to this union, William J. B. and Edna Rachel. Mr. Tressler and his family worship at the Mahanoy Lutheran Church, and he has been quite active in the life of that congregation, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

ISAAC B. TRESSLER, a prominent citizen of lower Northumberland county, residing at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, was born April 10, 1845, where he now lives. He received his early education in the public schools and later attended Free-

burg Academy. In 1861 he became clerk for William Wiest, who then conducted his general store in the old building at Mahanoy, and in 1869 he became a partner of Mr. Wiest under the firm name of Wiest & Tressler. Some years later the firm became I. B. Tressler & Co., and the store is now operated by Tressler, Schlegel & Co., who carry a full line of general merchandise. In 1874 the erection of the large brick store building, three stories high and 50 by 42 feet in dimensions, was begun, and the business has been established therein since Sept. 1, 1875. Mr. Tressler and Mr. Wiest erected the storehouse, warehouse, barns, etc., at Mahanoy. Mr. Tressler has prospered in all his undertakings, has been a director of the First National Bank of Herndon since 1905, and is regarded as one of the most substantial business men of Jackson township. He owns a farm of 140 acres in that township, a farm of ninety-five acres in Washington township and a farm of 138 acres near Gratz, in the Lykens valley. He is financially interested in the Aluminum Paint & Filler Company, whose plant is located at Dalmatia, this county. Mr. Tressler served many years as assistant postmaster at Mahanoy before he became postmaster, having been identified with the office since 1861. On March 4th of that year he was appointed assistant postmaster by William Wiest, postmaster, at Mahanoy, and remained in that office until 1881, when he was appointed postmaster to succeed Mr. Wiest. He held the office until he resigned, in 1907, in which year Adam B. Tressler (son of John), who had been his assistant for a number of years, was appointed. The latter served until his death, Oct. 6, 1908, when Isaac B. Tressler was again appointed, and he is still serving, his son, Lloyd J. Tressler, acting as his assistant. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he has served as deacon and treasurer for a number of years.

On Sept. 10, 1871, Mr. Tressler married Wilhelmina Bower, daughter of the late Jacob Bower, and they had a family of four children, three of whom are deceased. The survivor, Lloyd J. Tressler, resides at Herndon, this county. In 1889 Mr. Tressler built the comfortable residence at Mahanoy which he has since occupied.

Peter Dressler, son of John Jacob and Susanna (Homán) Dressler, was born in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, near Rough and Ready, and remained on his father's homestead in Upper Mahantango township, working as a farmer all his life. He had a property of 190 acres, some of which has been sold since his day. That he was a public-spirited citizen, and interested in the progress of his times, is shown by the fact that he served as clerk of Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. Like all the members of his family,





he was a Lutheran in religion, and he served his church as deacon, elder and trustee. He married Catharine Maurer, daughter of Andrew Maurer, and to them were born eleven children, viz.: Maria Magdalena (Polly), Jacob, Josiah, Cornelius M., Anna, Harriet, Joseph, and four that died young.

CORNELIUS M. TRESSLER, son of Peter, was born May 24, 1846, at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county, and was reared to farming there, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He was then variously employed for some years, in different States, working on a farm in Kent county, Del., as a street car driver in Philadelphia, for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in Reading, and for five years as clerk at a hotel in Shamokin, Northumberland county. After his marriage he lived at Mahanoy, this county, for one year, until he purchased and settled upon his present farm, which consists of seventy-two acres of excellent land in Lower Mahanoy township, near Mahantango creek. It was formerly the Frederick Heckert homestead, and the old granary bore the date 1740, which may have been the date when the first settlement was made on the tract. Mr. Tressler built his residence on the property in 1892, and rebuilt the barn in 1909. In addition to this place he owns four acres of mountain woodland and two limestone lots. He has been an intelligent and progressive worker, and deserves the prosperity which has rewarded his efforts. For three years he served as school director of his township, and though not an aspirant for public honors is willing to do his part to help the advancement of his community, especially in the cause of public education, and other movements calculated to benefit the masses. He is a large man physically, standing five feet, nine inches, and weighing 269 pounds.

On Christmas Day, 1878, Mr. Tressler married Louisa Ferster, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Gonser) Ferster, and they have had a large family, namely: Ray E., Catharine (who died aged sixteen years), Sallie (married to Charles Wiest), Peter (a student at the West Chester Normal School, married to Sadie Kerstetter), Carrie E., Clarence, Isaac, Jennie, Bertha and Lee. Mr. Tressler and his family are Lutherans and worship at the Vera Cruz (Malta) Church, which Mr. Tressler has served as deacon. He is a Democrat in political faith.

RAY E. TRESSLER, of Lower Mahanoy township, living at Dalmatia (Georgetown), was born at Mahanoy (now Red Cross), Jackson township, Dec. 13, 1879. He was reared at the home place in Lower Mahanoy township, and attended the local public schools, at Vera Cruz (Malta), meanwhile assisting his father with the farm work. Later he attended a summer normal school at Dalmatia for one session, and he also attended one session of a summer normal school at Herndon, after which he took a course in the State Normal School at West

Chester. He furthered his education by taking a commercial course at Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa., from which he was graduated in June, 1904. When nineteen years of age Mr. Tressler was licensed to teach public school in Northumberland county, being examined by Prof. Benjamin Apple, then county superintendent, and he has taught eleven terms, all in his native township, but at different schoolhouses. His first experience was at the Susquehanna school, where he was engaged for one term. The next term he was at Vera Cruz, the third term at the Susquehanna school again, the next two at Vera Cruz, the next three at Stone Valley and the next three at Hastings. He was very successful as an educator, and in that capacity is very well and favorably known in this district. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Tressler was elected tax collector of Lower Mahanoy township, and was reelected to succeed himself in 1909. He is a Democrat, and well known in the party councils. Since 1907 he has made his home at Dalmatia, where he purchased his house and lot the year after settling there. He is an upright and able young man, and has an enviable standing in his community.

On Dec. 12, 1903, Mr. Tressler married E. Minnie Rothermel, daughter of William and Mary (Zerbe) Rothermel, and they have had one son, Allen Cornell. The family are members of St. Luke's Church at Vera Cruz, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, which Mr. Tressler has served in the office of deacon.

JAMES KOHL, a retired farmer of Point township, Northumberland county, is a large land owner and one of the substantial citizens of that region, where he has resided for almost forty years. He is a son of John Kohl and grandson of Philip Kohl, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county.

Philip Kohl was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and moved to this county about 1840, at which time he was a widower. Locating in Lower Mahanoy township, about one and a half miles from Dalmatia, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1844. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church (Zion's), while his wife is buried in Montgomery county. They had two sons and one daughter: Daniel, a farmer and cooper, who did not settle in Northumberland county, living in Montgomery county (he had children John and Leah); John; and Polly, Mrs. Zeiler, who lived in Montgomery county.

John Kohl, son of Philip, was born in 1787 in Montgomery county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1840 with his aged father, who made his home with him thereafter. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, about one and a half miles from Dalmatia, and had a farm of 108 acres, which he cultivated, also following his trade of



cooper. His wife, Catharine (Rhoads), came from the same section of the State as he did, and of their six children five were born in Montgomery county and the youngest on the farm in Lower Mahanoy above mentioned. Mr. Kohl was a Lutheran member of Zion's Stone Valley Church, where he and his wife are buried. Their children were: Betzy (Mrs. Benjamin Trego), Hettie (Mrs. Philip Heckert), James, Daniel, Henry and John.

James Kohl was born Dec. 6, 1831, in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and was nine years old when he came with the family to Northumberland county, where he has since lived. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed for many years in Lower Mahanoy township, in 1872 removing to Point township. He followed farming in Point township until his retirement in 1898, and met with success in his agricultural operations, accumulating considerable property. He now owns two farms, one of 225 acres and another of eighty-seven acres. During his active years he devoted all his time to the cultivation of his land, and he attained his present prosperity by the most honorable methods, having a character which won him the respect of all his neighbors and friends. During the Civil war Mr. Kohl enlisted in Company B, 172d Regiment, and served ten months.

On Nov. 28, 1876, Mr. Kohl married Sarah Ann Böhner, daughter of Henry Böhner and widow of Amos Shipe, by whom she had two children: Lovina married Henry Dietz and they live in Point township; Maria married John S. Ballinger, and they have three children, Sarah, James and Mary. Mr. Ballinger was born in January, 1870, and is a member of a Snyder county family. He is now engaged in farming his father-in-law's place. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl. They are members of the Lutheran Church at Sunbury, and in politics he is a Republican.

HENRY KOHL, son of John, was born Feb. 15, 1838, in Montgomery county, Pa., and was two years old when the family came to Northumberland county. He was reared in Lower Mahanoy township and continued to live there until 1872, when he came to Point township and bought 170 acres of land, half of which he has since sold to his brother James. Mr. Kohl has devoted all his active years to general farming with gratifying success. In 1910 he built a large barn upon his property.

On March 27, 1872, Mr. Kohl married Louisa Böhner, daughter of Jacob and Salome (Reitz) Böhner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Mary and John Henry. Mr. Kohl and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Republican in his political views.

WILLIAM DREIBELBIS, who is engaged in farming along the Susquehanna river, near Dalmatia, Northumberland county, was born May 5, 1847, son of Abraham Dreibelbis and grandson of Isaac Dreibelbis, and is a member of a family which was established in America during the Provincial days of Pennsylvania. The name is now found with both spellings, Dreibelbis and Dreibelbis.

The early home of this family was in southeastern Switzerland, in the part originally a portion of what is now the German Empire. John Jacob Dreibelbis (Dreibelbis) came to America from Hannesthal, Switzerland, crossing the ocean on the ship "Mary" from London, and landing at Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1732. Its passenger list showed sixty-nine male passengers over sixteen years of age, and one hundred and twenty-two women and children. It is probable that John Jacob was single. He used to say in the spring of the year, "now the Rhine is overflowing, because of the snow melting on the Alps." The exact date that he settled in Berks county is uncertain, but in 1743 he settled on the farm located about a quarter of a mile east of Fleetwood, now the property of Milton Shollenberger. This farm originally consisted of 157 acres, but it has since been divided into two farms, one now owned by Charles Leibelsberger. On the part owned by Mr. Shollenberger John Jacob Dreibelbis built the first set of buildings near a spring of fine water, which the Indians named "Dreibelbis Spring." This spring and the streams in that vicinity were alive with brook trout until some time before the Civil war. John Jacob Dreibelbis was a farmer and became a very extensive land owner. In 1759 he was the largest taxpayer in Richmond township, paying a federal tax of thirty pounds. On April 11, 1752, he obtained by warrant from the Province two tracts of land located in Richmond township, Berks county, one being for fifty acres and the other for one hundred. On Feb. 3, 1753, he obtained a warrant for one hundred acres, and on April 12, 1753, for five hundred acres. In appearance Mr. Dreibelbis was small and of dark complexion, with black eyes and hair, indicating that he was of Jewish extraction, as were the Kelchners, Wanners, Biebers and the family of Merkles in the same vicinity. He died in 1761. He married either a Merkel or a Rothermel, probably the first mentioned and daughter of Georg Merkel, and his six children, three sons and three daughters, were: Abraham; Martin; Jacob; Mary Elizabeth, who married John Wanner; Mary Magdalena, who married (second) Martin Wanner; and Philibena, who went with her brother Martin to Schuylkill Haven, married William Koch (her three daughters married, respectively, a Huntzinger, a Rausch and a Holler). The last will and





testament of John Jacob Dreibelbis, made Feb. 5, 1761, and probated Feb. 21, 1761, is written in good English and is on record in Will Book 1, page 94. To each of his three sons he gave a farm, and to each of his daughters 150 pounds in lawful money. "My oldest son Abraham shall have all that tract in Richmond township, 157 acres." "My executors shall build a house for my son Martin on land given him lying on the Mesilm (Moslem) Road. The house must be 30 feet long and 24 feet wide." "My executors shall also build a house for my son Jacob, on land bequested to him near the road leading from Eastown to Reading." "And lastly I will and do order that my younger children shall be taught to read and write." The will is signed by the testator in good, legible German. The executors were Abraham Dreibelbis and "my loving and trusty friend George Merkel." John Jacob Dreibelbis was buried in a private graveyard on the Shollenberger farm. He has no tombstone, but his grandson Daniel, who is also buried there, has a marble tombstone. A number of the early members of the family are buried in this neglected spot.

Abraham Dreibelbis, eldest son of John Jacob, was born about 1749 and died in December, 1803, and is buried in the same cemetery as his father. He was engaged in farming on the homestead, and at his death left a large estate. By his wife, Anna Margaret, he had six children: Daniel obtained the homestead; Abraham obtained the gristmill; Peter received 300 pounds, gold and silver money; Maria Barbara married John Haak; Isaac; and Joseph. The three last named—Maria Barbara, Isaac, and Joseph—were each bequeathed 900 pounds of money.

Isaac Dreibelbis, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 3, 1778, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., and was the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, whither he moved in 1805. He settled in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, in which region his descendants are now quite numerous. He was a farmer, and the Benjamin Philips place near Hickory Corners is still pointed out as the "Essack" Dreibelbis farm, his name being given the German pronunciation. He was a tall man, dark complexioned (showing plainly his Jewish origin) and very strong. He followed tanning as well as farming, and the old tannery which he continued to carry on until shortly before his death stood between the two houses on what is now the Benjamin Philips farm; the ruins may be seen from the road, part of the foundation yet remaining. Mr. Dreibelbis died June 29, 1853, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, with which he had been identified as a member of the Reformed congregation. "Essack" Dreibelbis was quite a character, and the old residents of the vicinity still delight to relate certain anecdotes concerning him. In his day the nearest

tavern was at Georgetown. One night he and a neighbor spent some time at the tavern, and on their way home the neighbor, in misery over the results of a too free indulgence in applejack, laid down under a tree, saying: "Mein freund Essack, ich mus storben. Ich cons nimmermeir stenden." "Essack" replied: "Ach nein, freund. Du storbst nicht. So hab ich sahr oft gafaldt in meiner zeit." On one occasion he came home late and could not find the keyhole. His wife refusing, under the conditions, to comply with his command to "mach die dier ouf" he made the request again, and when she still refused he said: "Wen du nich ouf mocht den use ich em Essack sei schlissel," brought the ax, and broke in the door. Afterward the ax was often referred to jocularly as "Um Essack sei schlissel." The wife is buried near Killinger, Pa. This pioneer couple reared a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, as follows: Abraham is mentioned below; Isaac died in Kansas, where his son Joseph is in business, having a large store; Jacob, who was a saddler by trade, lived and died in Northumberland county and is buried at Dalmatia; Catharine married George Wert; Mary (or Polly), born in 1817, died in 1885, was the wife of Elias Boyer (1815-1891); another daughter married David Hain; Harriet married Joseph Licht; Sallie, who married Joseph Shreffler, is now (1910) in her ninety-ninth year, but is well preserved (she lives with her sons-in-law, Joseph Diehl and Henry Hendricks, and has her home between Danville and Northumberland).

Abraham Dreibelbies, son of Isaac, was born May 23, 1812. He obtained the homestead and was a lifelong farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, where he died on his farm Jan. 12, 1863. He had one hundred acres of land under cultivation, and one hundred acres of woodland, and was one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his day. Like many of his family he was of dark complexion, and physically was of medium size. He was a Reformed member of the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Wentzel), was a daughter of Stophel and Leah (Adam) Wentzel. She married Peter Burrel after Mr. Dreibelbies died, and lived to be eighty years, seven months, eighteen days old, dying Sept. 9, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Dreibelbies were born children as follows: William; Isaac, who lives at Paxton, Pa.; Katie, Mrs. George Phillips; Polly, Mrs. Francis Bickel; Malinda, Mrs. Reily Messner; Benneville, of Dalmatia, Pa.; and Sarah, Mrs. B. F. Brown.

William Dreibelbis was reared to farming, and about 1870 began that work on his own account at the place where he has since lived in Lower Mahanoy township. This tract consists of forty acres, besides which he owns a three-acre island in the Susquehanna river. Mr. Dreibelbis is a highly respected citizen of his community, where





his industrious and useful life is known to all. He has served as supervisor of his district, having been elected to that office by the Republican party, of which he has been a faithful member.

In 1869 Mr. Dreibelbis married Caroline Richenbach, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Longan-ecker) Richenbach, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have had a family of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, namely: M. Elizabeth, now the wife of William Pardoe; Julian, wife of William Hogan; William A., who married Ida R. Heckert; Benjamin F., of Dalmatia, Pa.; Sarah R., wife of Isaac Hinkel; Myran Daisy, wife of Frank Fetter; Edward N., who married Gertrude Bohner; Triphena M., wife of Isaac Heintzleman; Cardia E.; Ella V.; Emma A.; and Cedia M. Mr. Dreibelbis and his family are members of the Reformed Church. The burial place of this branch of the Dreibelbis family has long been at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church in Lower Mahanoy township.

Isaac Dreibelbis, the second mentioned of the three sons of Isaac, the pioneer in Northumberland county, moved out to Kansas, where he became engaged in farming. He was also a tanner, having learned the trade from his father. He married Catharine Witmer, daughter of George Witmer, and they had two sons, Joseph and Benjamin, the former of whom is now a business man in Kansas. Benjamin left home and has never since been heard from.

Jacob Dreibelbis, the third son of Isaac, the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born Sept. 1, 1820. He learned the trade of saddler and became an expert in that line, following the business at Georgetown for nineteen years, after which he farmed in Lower Mahanoy township besides working at his trade. The horse collars he made were quite famous, and there was a steady demand for them, some of his orders coming from a considerable distance. His farm consisted of seventy-four acres. He stood five feet, seven and a half inches, and was a heavy-set man, weighing over two hundred pounds. His death occurred Feb. 2, 1892, and he and his family are buried at Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he, like his family generally, belonged to the Reformed congregation; his wife was a Lutheran member of that church. Mr. Dreibelbis' first marriage was to Catharine Wert, who was born March 15, 1823, daughter of Daniel Wert, of Killinger, Dauphin county, and died April 11, 1873. They had a large family, viz.: Isaac, of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who was a saddler by trade; Sarah, wife of Peter Walt, of Dalmatia; Frank W.; Catharine, wife of John T. Wert; Jacob W., a butcher, of Millersburg, Pa.; Daniel, who lived below Matamoras, on the line of Dauphin county, and was killed while hauling railroad ties; Mary, wife of John S. Showers, of Oriental, Pa.; Charles, of Killinger,

in the Lykens Valley, Pa.; and Emma, wife of Joseph Bingaman, of Dalmatia. For his second wife Mr. Dreibelbis married Wilhelmina Portzline, of Oriental, Pa., who was born in 1840, and died in 1888. She became the mother of two children: William H., of Stone Valley; and Gertie, who married Calvin Strasser, of Oriental, Pennsylvania.

Frank W. Dreibelbis, son of Jacob, was born in 1850 at Georgetown, in Lower Mahanoy township, and is engaged at present in farming in that township. When less than nineteen years old he learned the milling business, which he followed for six years. In 1884 he began farming at his present location, having a tract of 115 acres, some of which is woodland. There is some limestone on this land. Mr. Dreibelbis is a Republican in politics, and since 1899 has been overseer of the poor in his district. He is a Reformed member of the Dalmatia Church, of which he was deacon seven years and elder four years.

In 1874 Mr. Dreibelbis married Lizzie Philips, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Philips) Philips, and they have had these children: Jacob F., who lives in Little Mahanoy township; Malinda, wife of John H. Bohner, of Elizabethville, Pa.; Katie, wife of William Koppenhaver, of Malta, Pa.; and Lubin L., who is a butcher at Dalmatia.

Jacob F. Dreibelbis, son of Frank W., was born June 20, 1875, in Lower Mahanoy township, was educated in the public schools, and was reared to farm life. For five years he followed butchering, four years at Hickory Corners and one year at his present location, in Little Mahanoy township, to which he moved in the spring of 1906, when he purchased the place. This was an old Dunkelberger homestead, later owned by Samuel Long, and Mr. Dreibelbis purchased it from Silas Hensyl. The tract comprises about 160 acres, 100 acres of which have been cleared. The land is valuable, and there are a number of substantial improvements, including a large brick house. The water supply is as good as any in the State, both in regard to quality and quantity, and in 1910 Mr. Dreibelbis made a notable improvement on his place when he had the water piped from Trevor-ton Mountain to his home, both house and barn being now supplied with running water; this is what is known as red shell or gravel water, and is always pure and fresh. He has a complete farm stock, modern machinery, and all the facilities for carrying on his work in the most systematic and up-to-date manner, being one of the intelligent and progressive men of his neighborhood.

In September, 1903, Mr. Dreibelbis married Mary A. Koppenhaver, daughter of John Koppenhaver, and three children have been born to them: Mabel Grace, Helen Irene and Leah Elizabeth. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. In



politics he is a Republican, and he has served as election inspector.

**REBUCK.** The name of Rebeck is perpetuated in Northumberland county in the post office Rebeck, named after one of the members of this family its representatives are numerous and among the most respected residents of their section—Washington township and the surrounding territory. According to tradition the first ancestor of the family in this country was from the German Palatinate and came to America to avoid service in the war then being waged in his native land. The older members of the family say that his name was Schaffer, but that he assumed the name Rebeck to prevent his being traced and taken back to the Fatherland, where punishment for such an offense as his was severe. This pioneer ancestor was known in the New World by the name John Adam Rebeck. He first located in Berks county, whence he came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township, in that part now embraced in Washington township. There is the old-established business stand, now for many years conducted and owned by the Kehres family, where the postoffice and hamlet of Rebeck are located. The hamlet contains about a dozen dwellings. The pioneer was a farmer. Among his children were Valentine, John Adam, Jr., and Michael. Of these, Valentine Rebeck in 1778 was among the taxables of Mahanoy township, which then included considerable territory in the lower end of the county.

Michael Rebeck, son of John Adam, the pioneer, was born July 14, 1769, and died Oct. 7, 1852, when over eighty-three years of age. He lived on Greenbrier creek, in Washington township, and was an extensive farmer, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He had a tract of 162 acres which is still in the family name, being now owned by his grandson, John Rebeck. He built the barn still standing on that property, and also a small dwelling-house. He was a Reformed member of the Himmel Church. His wife, Catharine (Reis), born Aug. 21, 1775, died Nov. 7, 1858. Their children were: Bevv, who married Peter Ferster; and Godfried, called "Big Godfried."

Godfried Rebeck, son of Michael, was born July 28, 1798, and died May 29, 1875. He was a tall, heavy man, with dark hair, was a farmer by occupation, and owned much land, living on the Greenbrier homestead of the Rebeck family. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, and they are buried there. His wife, Catharine (Wagner), born March 26, 1801, died June 30, 1860. They had children as follows: Salome married John Schreffler; Daniel W. is mentioned below; Catharine married Harry Rebeck; Hannah married John Wentzel; Polly married Peter Snyder and (second) Henry

Herb; Lydia married Philip Reitz; Harrison was born July 12, 1834; Jacob, born in 1837, died unmarried, in 1855; John, born in 1839, died unmarried, in 1861; Sarah married John Kieffer and (second) Jacob Reber. Of this family, Harrison was a farmer during his active years, and now lives at Herndon, Pa., with his son J. Wilson Rebeck. During the Civil war he was in the Union service as a member of Company K, 172d Regiment, for nine months. He married Elizabeth Paul, who died in September, 1904, in her seventy-second year, and they had children: John, James, Elmira L., Augustus, J. Wilson and Reilly.

Daniel W. Rebeck, son of Godfried and Catharine (Wagner) Rebeck, was born on the Greenbrier homestead in Washington township. Though he owned considerable land, he followed his trade of shoemaker principally, leaving the cultivation of the farm to his children. He made many new shoes and did repairing, and his sons also took up the trade. His farm at one time consisted of nearly three hundred acres. A tall, heavy and strong man, he was thrifty and industrious, and brought his children up in the same way. He was a regular attendant of the Himmel Church, many members of the Rebeck family belonging to the Reformed congregation there, and held various offices in that church. His wife, Lydia (Delp), daughter of George and Maricha (Thomas) Delp, bore him children as follows: Cassie, a widow, who has been twice married, first to Joseph Hepler and later to George Wolfgang; Charles, who died aged twenty-one years; Mary, who died when twenty years old; Joel; Lydia; Eliza, wife of Samuel Zartman; Elsworth; Daniel, deceased; and John. All the surviving members of this family live in Washington township.

**JOEL REBUCK**, son of Daniel W., was born Sept. 8, 1854, on one of the Rebeck homesteads, and was reared to farm life, remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty-six years. He was twenty-four at the time of his marriage, and two years later began farming on a fifty-acre tract in Washington township, where he lived for two years. Thence he moved to another farm in the same township, the Elias Lahr place, where he lived until 1901. For the next two years his home was at Trevorton, from which place he returned to the farm for three years, at the end of which time he moved to his present place, where he has resided since 1906. He has 110 acres of good land, which is now cultivated by his son William. The large stone house on this property was built in 1823 and remodeled in 1904. Mr. Rebeck has been an active and useful member of his community, and has served as supervisor and school director of Washington township, holding the latter office nine years. He is a Democrat in politics. He and his family attend religious worship at the Himmel Church, where he





has held all the offices and done his share of the work. Mr. Rebuck has the old German family Bible which his emigrant ancestor brought from the old country, and which contains an inscription specifying that it shall never be sold, but descend from the oldest to the next oldest of the family, always remaining in the Rebuck name. It bears the date 1748, and is highly prized by the family.

In 1874 Mr. Rebuck married Amanda Lahr, daughter of Elias and Polly (Snyder) Lahr, of Herndon, Pa., and they have had a family of eight children: Ida, who married Frank Klock, after his decease becoming the wife of William Reitz; Emma, who married Roy Snyder; Daniel; William E.; Agnes, who married Anthony Heath; Gertie, who married Daniel Dubendorf; a son that died in infancy; and Charles.

John Adam Rebuck, Jr., son of John Adam the pioneer, born July 8, 1763, died in Upper Mahanoy township (of which Washington was then a part) June 15, 1835. He made his last will and testament Sept. 28, 1831, and it was entered for probate June 23, 1835. The executors were his sons John and Godfried. The will is on record in the courthouse at Sunbury, in Book 3, page 202. The wife it appears had died previously. The records show Maria (Haubt), wife of Adam Rebuck, born Jan. 20, 1763, died July 29, 1830. The following were his children: John, Adam, Conrad, Henry, Peter, Michael, Maria (married Jacob Robenhover), Frederick, Godfried, Jonas and Leonard. Nine of the sons grew to manhood and reared families. The son Godfried was called "Little Godfried," and had a son Godfried who because of his red hair was known as "Red Godfried."

Henry Rebuck, one of the sons of John Adam Rebuck, Jr., was born May 24, 1790, and died Oct. 17, 1867. He lived and died in Washington township, and he and his family are buried at the Himmel Church, of which they were Lutheran members. He owned a tract of seventy acres about one mile south of that church, his home place, and another tract of forty-five acres in the same township. "Henner" Rebuck, as he was known, married Anna Maria Brosius, who was born May 10, 1795, and died Jan. 13, 1869. They had two sons, Peter and Elias, both of whom were farmers in Washington township. The latter had the following children: Henry; John; Susanna, who married William Krissinger; and Maria, who married Luther Rebuck.

Peter Rebuck, son of Henry, was born May 10, 1815, in Washington township, and died March 19, 1858, in the prime of life. He was a member of the Himmel Church, where he is buried. By occupation he was a farmer, owning the place of 118 acres now owned by his son Isaac. His

wife, Catharine Ferster, daughter of Michael Ferster, was born Nov. 23, 1818, and died June 23, 1881. Their children were as follows: Benjamin, who never married; Samuel; Isaac, of Washington township; Daniel, born in 1851, who died in 1870; and Joseph, of Washington township.

SAMUEL REBUCK, son of Peter, born on his father's farm in Washington township Aug. 3, 1845, obtained such education as the subscription schools which flourished in his boyhood afforded. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and began farming for himself on his father's place of about 120 acres, living there from 1860 until 1895, when he removed to his present home. It is a ninety-six-acre tract situated between Mahanoy and Rebuck, and was formerly the Michael Smith farm. Mr. Rebuck has enlarged the barn, remodeled the house, and beautified his surroundings in many ways during his ownership of the place, which is nicely situated and shows the modern methods which he has employed in the management. In 1873 Mr. Rebuck married Dinah Reitz, daughter of David Reitz, and they had the following children: Alice, who is deceased; James; and Morris, a farmer, living with his father. On Sept. 17, 1886, Mr. Rebuck married (second) Katie Reitz, daughter of Peter and Mary (Hetrich) Reitz. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Rebuck and his family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church.

Michael Reitz, grandfather of Mrs. Samuel Rebuck, was a farmer, and lived a half mile north of Himmel's Church. He married Lena Eister, and they had children as follows: Peter, Abraham, David, Leonard, Jonas and Christiana.

Peter Reitz, son of Michael, had a family of five children: John, Samuel, Louisa, Katie (Mrs. Samuel Rebuck) and Henry.

Peter Rebuck, one of the sons of John Adam Rebuck, Jr., was a native of Washington township, born Jan. 12, 1794, and died March 21, 1857. He is buried at St. Peter's (Krebs) Church, near which he lived, owning the farm which now belongs to the Diener Estate, a tract of about sixty acres. There he lived and died. He was twice married, his second wife being Eve Groh, who is buried at Valley View Church. They had children as follows: Susanna, Helena, Lovina, and Peter.

Peter Rebuck, son of Peter, was born March 4, 1829, in Washington township, and was a lifelong farmer, owning the property in that township which now belongs to Benjamin Stepp. He also followed carpentering, and was active in the affairs of the community as well as in his own business. He was a Democrat in politics and served as supervisor. His death occurred March 9, 1875, and he is buried at St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. His first wife, Ly-





dia (Ferster), born May 9, 1830, died Feb. 8, 1870, the mother of six children: Luther; William; Henry; Samuel, born in 1863, who died in 1882; Mary, who married William Seiler, of Valley View; and Harriet, born in 1868, who died in 1870. Mr. Rebeck's second marriage was to Susanna Brown, and they had two children: John and Lovina.

LUTHER REBUCK, son of Peter and Lydia (Ferster) Rebeck, was born Feb. 9, 1855, in Washington township, and was educated in the local public schools. When sixteen years old he went to learn the carpenter's trade with one Joseph Brosius. Subsequently he worked a year at Hickory Corners, and then for a number of years was employed in the lumber districts of the East. For seven years he followed tinsmithing. In the spring of 1895 Mr. Rebeck returned to Washington township, where he has since followed farming, owning a Rebeck farm which formerly belonged to Elias Rebeck, and which came to him through marriage into the Reitz family. It comprises 120 acres. On July 17, 1902, Mr. Rebeck's barn was destroyed by lightning, together with the entire year's crop, entailing a heavy loss, but he immediately rebuilt; putting up a good barn 80 by 35 feet. Mr. Rebeck is a man of intelligence and broad views, his varied experiences and travel in his younger manhood having made him familiar with human life in its various phases. He has a number of old and valuable books, and an old family Bible which he cherishes greatly.

On March 7, 1895, Mr. Rebeck married Maria Rebeck, daughter of Elias and Mary (Reitz) Rebeck, and granddaughter of Henry Rebeck. Their only child is Sarah Alice. Mr. Rebeck and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM REBUCK, brother of Luther Rebeck, was born in Washington township Nov. 27, 1856, and has spent all his life in the same district. He was reared to farming, and worked as a hired man and laborer until able to start for himself, beginning farming at his present home in Washington township in the spring of 1899. His farm of eighty-one acres, an old Reitz homestead, was formerly the property of one Jonathan Reitz and later of Daniel Latsha. Mr. Rebeck is a Democrat, and gave several years' public service as overseer of the poor of his district. He and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of the Himmel Church.

On June 23, 1887, Mr. Rebeck married Mary Amelia Reitz, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reitz) Reitz and granddaughter of Daniel Reitz (who lived where Luther Rebeck is now located) and of Philip Reitz (who lived at the present home of Cornelius Adams). Mr. and Mrs. Rebeck have four children: Lydia A., Harvey E., Ida L. and Gertie M.

L. J. CHAMBERLAIN, of Shamokin, represents in his business interests the new order of amusements—a phase of the life of the community which has come into existence but recently, and made possible only by the wonderful advances in the science of photography accomplished within the last few years. He has the distinction of being the pioneer in the motion picture business in this section, and is at present the proprietor of two motion picture shows in Northumberland county, one at Mount Carmel and one at Shamokin. By enterprising methods and up-to-date service he has gained a large circle of regular patrons in both places, where his appeal to the best popular taste has likewise established him firmly in the good will of the citizens generally.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in 1874 at Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa., son of William and Mary (Bottorf) Chamberlain, both of whom are deceased. His father was also a native of that place, and lived and died there. At the age of seventeen William Chamberlain enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Light Artillery, Volunteers, with which he served faithfully. Mr. and Mrs. William Chamberlain had a family of five children, Harry, Bert, Nora, Floy and L. J.

L. J. Chamberlain attended school at Lock Haven and was particularly well educated in music, to which he has devoted his principal attention. He entered the amusement business at the age of eighteen in the capacity of musician with traveling organizations, and within a few years was at the head of his own band, known as "Chamberlain's All American Band," acting as director and general manager. This organization toured the country successfully with the stellar attractions, also filling park engagements, etc. He also traveled for a while in company with his brothers, under the name of Chamberlain Brothers, whose "Railroad Shows" exhibited for a number of years in vaudeville houses and under canvas. At that time the motion picture business was in its infancy. With keen foresight of the possibilities of motion photography Mr. Chamberlain turned his attention to the new field, and for a number of years exploited traveling organizations of that character. On Aug. 28, 1907, in company with Capt. J. M. Shindel, he opened the first successful motion picture theatre at Mount Carmel, known as The Theatorium, which is still in operation, standing high in the local public favor. On April 28, 1908, under the firm name of Chamberlain & Shindel, they opened the Theatorium motion picture house at Independence and Ninth streets, Shamokin, which has been in successful operation since, and which, indeed, was the first place of the kind to meet with success in the borough. It has the reputation of being the most



popular and best patronized show of the kind there, and the latest and most ingeniously arranged films are shown, the entertainments being varied and so well up to high standards that the audiences are of profitable proportions and high class. Chamberlain & Shindel acquired extensive amusement interests, including park, vaudeville and motion picture theatres, and they were associated until June, 1910, when Captain Shindel retired from the firm, his interests being purchased by Mr. Chamberlain, who has since been sole owner of the business. In April, 1911, he was instrumental in organizing the General Amusement Company, Incorporated, of which he is president and general manager, which has now in preparation the establishing of a chain of theatres throughout the country. The first theatre to be operated by the new company will be opened at Sunbury Nov. 1st of this year; it will have a capacity of one thousand, is modern in every particular, and considered to be one of the finest houses of the kind in the State.

Mr. Chamberlain is engaged as dealer and agent for moving picture and electrical supplies as well as promoter and operator of amusement enterprises, maintaining his main office at No. 819 Washington street in the borough of Shamokin. Thoroughly experienced in all branches of the business, he has catered successfully to the wants of the amusement loving public, and has made a permanent place for himself and his enterprises in his home community and among his fellow citizens at large.

Mr. Chamberlain married Blanche Custard, of Lock Haven, and they have one son, Boyd D. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mr. Chamberlain is a member of Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355; of Aerie No. 560, F. O. E., of Lock Haven; of Lodge No. 144, K. of P., and of the Maccabees.

**ALBERT HACKENBERG**, a retired citizen of Point township, Northumberland county, was born April 5, 1835, at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Jesse Hackenberg and grandson of Peter Hackenberg.

Peter Hackenberg was a native of Germany. Coming to America when quite young he settled at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and followed farming during his active years, retiring a number of years before his death, which occurred about 1845, when he was advanced in years. He had prospered in his agricultural operations, and was a substantial citizen, owning several farms. For some years he served as a justice of the peace of Washington township, Snyder county. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and is buried at Freeburg. To him and his wife Susanna (Shaffer) were born six sons and four daughters: Hannah, who married Mr. Balliet; Mrs. Samuel Shel-

ler; Mrs. Jacob Straub; Mrs. Samuel Sceller; Jesse; Peter L., who lived at McEwensville, Pa., later moved to Michigan, and returning to Pennsylvania settled at Milton in 1861 (he married Mary E. Hood); Jacob, who lived in Center county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived in Center county, Pa.; Samuel, who was killed in the Mexican war; and John, who died at New Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Jesse Hackenberg was born about 1816 at Freeburg, Pa., but for many years he lived at Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he died and is buried. His death occurred in November, 1887, when he was past seventy years of age. By occupation he was a carpenter. He was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was Susanna Nagel, and they had a family of twelve children: Jacob, Daniel, Jesse, Albert, Susanna, Mary, Hannah, Betsy, Amelia, Catharine, Deborah and David.

Albert Hackenberg attended school for a few months in the winter season during his boyhood, and was reared to the practical work of farming, which he has followed practically all his life. For a few years, however, he was at Montandon, this county, where he kept a grocery store, and where for about half a year he was associated with his brother-in-law, Samuel Fry, in general merchandising. He came to Point township in 1847, and with the exception of his brief stay at Montandon continued to live in that section until 1897, in which year he moved to Northumberland borough. There he made his home until 1908, when he returned to his farm in Point township, which is a valuable tract of fifty-three acres, in the form of a square. He has a most desirable home, having built a new house upon the property, for which he paid \$8,500. Mr. Hackenberg has served his township eleven years in the office of supervisor, and he is regarded as a valuable citizen, a man deserving of the esteem and good opinion of his neighbors. He is a Republican on political questions. He belongs to the Lutheran Church at Northumberland, with which his family also unite, and served as a member of the church council. He has been a director of the Northumberland Cemetery Company for twenty-one years, and served as president of the board for six years of this period.

On Nov. 28, 1858, Mr. Hackenberg married Maria Brouse, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Knouse) Brouse, who lived in Point township, and granddaughter of Henry Brouse, who came from Germany. Mrs. Hackenberg's maternal grandfather, Abraham Knouse, lived near Kratzerville, Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberg have had two children: Alice S. married Charles Ertley and they live at Northumberland; Harvey Edward, who lives at Cleveland, Ohio, married Lizzie Miller (by whom he had one child, Harvey J. A.) and (second) Annie Lawrence.





**STAHL.** There are two branches of the Stahl family in Northumberland county whose progenitors came hither from Northampton county, the descendants of John and Adam Stahl. As the former lived in Northampton county for some time before removing to this county, and as the latter was a native of that county, it is possible they were related, though the present records do not establish the fact.

John Stahl, a native of Germany, born Aug. 18, 1741, came to America when a young man, and lived for some years in Northampton county, Pa. He was one of many signers of a petition addressed to the Honorable Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania relative to conflicting civil and military laws then existing. The petitioners were from Northampton county, which was the early home of John Stahl in this country, as stated, and the same volume of the Pennsylvania Archives in which the foregoing is recorded shows (page 190) that he was captain of the 6th Company of the 2d Battalion from Northampton county; (page 359) that he was captain of the 5th Company, Associators, of Militia of Northampton county, which was part of the 4th Battalion from Sept. 18 to Nov. 18, 1780; (page 29) that he was second lieutenant of Capt. John Roberts' 5th Company, 1st Battalion of Northampton county Militia. In Volume IV, page 349, John Stahl, captain, is mentioned among soldiers of the Continental Line who received depreciation pay; in Volume VI, page 8, he is mentioned in the muster roll of Cumberland county militia, in 1777, as of Capt. Thomas Askey's Company. It is known that he served as quartermaster and recruiting officer, was with the army at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of hardship and at the crossing of the Delaware, Christmas night, 1776. Being a skilled mechanic, a gun and blacksmith, his services were often valuable in repairing implements of war during the Revolution, and he had as many as twenty men working under him at one time, engaged in making guns for use in that war. His son Philip had one of these guns. After the war he (having already married) moved to Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis (then Turbut) township. He died Feb. 27, 1809, and is buried in the old Fullmer Church graveyard. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1746, died in September, 1832. They were the parents of the following children of whom we have record: Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1776, who died Sept. 3, 1796; Johann Philip, born Dec. 17, 1781, who died March 24, 1832; and John George, born June 11, 1791, who died Aug. 4, 1820. The son John settled in Niagara county, New York.

Johann Philip Stahl, son of John, born Dec. 17, 1781, in Northampton county, Pa., was a lifelong farmer, and died in 1822. He came to North-

umberland county with his father after the Revolutionary war, and he eventually obtained part of the four hundred acres his father took up, his tract containing 115 acres, now owned by Charles F. Rovenolt. He farmed and followed blacksmithing. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and he and his father were among the organizers of the Paradise Union Church, among the first officers of the congregation and among its leading members ever afterward. In Northumberland county he married Elizabeth B. Eshbach, who was born Dec. 15, 1776, daughter of Johannes Eshbach (1747-1815) and his wife Catharine (1749-1831). Mrs. Stahl died March 9, 1844, the mother of the following children: Thomas died young; William died in infancy; George is mentioned below; Mary married Henry Hill and died when over eighty years old; Elizabeth, born March 9, 1811, died March 17, 1844; Catharine, born Oct. 11, 1816, died May 10, 1844, unmarried; Sarah married Samuel Stahl and died about one year after her marriage.

George Stahl, son of Johann Philip, was born on the farm where he afterward made his home, and received his education in the local public schools. Though his advantages were limited, he received a practical foundation and being an intelligent man became well informed. He followed farming all his life, dying at his old home in 1894, and the present set of buildings on the place were put up by him. He was quite active in the affairs of his day, being a supporter of the Democratic party in political matters and a member of the Reformed Church on religious questions. He served in the State militia, in which he was orderly sergeant; served six years as school director, was supervisor and township treasurer, and a useful man generally in his community. He was an earnest worker in the Paradise Church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and was a man of high Christian character, respected by all who knew him. His grandfather, John Stahl, in company with Michael Koons and John Deiffenbacher, had purchased two acres of ground from John Christ for the sum of fifteen pounds, and on that plot the first church of the congregation was erected in 1808.

On May 2, 1843, Mr. Stahl married Elizabeth Deshler, who was born in Northampton county Sept. 26, 1817, daughter of Jacob Deshler, of Northampton county, who came to Northumberland county in the early thirties; his wife was a Hower. Mrs. Stahl died Jan. 16, 1860. She and her husband had the following named children: William J., of Union county, Pa., who married Sarah Watt and had two children, one being Edwin (living in Indiana); Thomas P., unmarried, who lives at McEwensville, Pa.; Mary E., unmarried, of Aaronsburg, Pa.; Levi H.; Edwin O., born March 4, 1850, of McEwensville, who





married Mary A. Mengis (born June 21, 1861, died Dec. 9, 1895) and had four children; John O., who died in 1862, aged eleven years, and David F., who died in 1862, aged nine years, both dying of diphtheria; and George Calvin.

LEVI H. STAHL was born March 5, 1849, on the Stahl homestead in what was Turbut township, and received his education in the old subscription schools of the locality. He was an enthusiastic student, took a leading part in the old-fashioned spelling bees of the day, and by steady application improved himself materially. He served as a supply teacher in his neighborhood. He was reared to farming and also acquired a practical knowledge of wood working. In 1888 Mr. Stahl went to farming on his own account in Delaware township, on one of his wife's grandfather's farms, living there for three years, since when he has been a farmer in Lewis township. In 1908 he settled at his present home, a farm of 100 acres formerly the homestead of Samuel Menges who settled there in 1832 and made his home there until 1841. Mr. Menges then moved to an adjoining farm, to the east, where he died. Many Indian relics have been found on Mr. Stahl's place, among them two Indian mills of which he has retained possession. He is serving at present as one of the auditors of his township, and was a member of the road board when the new law came into existence. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church at Turbutville, to which his family also belong; he has been a member of the church council since 1898.

In 1881 Mr. Stahl married Kate L. Menges, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Menges, and they have had four children: Nellie, who is married to Oliver Rissel and has three children, Edith L., Lee F. and Myron L.; Ramah T.; Rosa E.; and Frank P.

Adam Stahl, a native of Northampton county, Pa., became a pioneer settler in Union county, this State, in that part now embraced in Snyder county. He had a farm in Union township, three miles west of Port Trevorton, near Keiser's Church, and besides farming distilled applejack and rye whiskey. He died at an advanced age, late in the fifties, and is buried in the cemetery at Keiser's Church. He and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith. He is remembered as a venerable old man, with long white hair hanging down over his shoulders. His children were: Benjamin and Jacob, both of whom settled in Ohio; Daniel, who settled on the homestead farm; Frederick, who settled on a farm adjoining the homestead; John, who settled on a farm adjoining the homestead; Mrs. Jacob Sholly; Mrs. Dieter Heintzleman; and Mrs. Simon Sholly.

John Stahl, son of Adam, was born in 1814 in

what is now Snyder county, and received the limited educational advantages there afforded in his boyhood, but as soon as old enough to be of any use he was put to work helping to clear the land and get it under cultivation. The winters were occupied in pulling stumps and other work for which there was no time in the summer season, so he had little opportunity to attend even such indifferent schools as were conducted in the neighborhood at that time. But he prospered by industry and owned his own farm. He died July 12, 1879, and is buried in the cemetery at Keiser's Church. He and his family were Lutherans in religion. He married Mary Sholtzberger, daughter of Jonathan Sholtzberger, and she preceded him to the grave, dying July 12, 1868, aged fifty years. All of the seven children born to them survive: Elias S., of Selinsgrove, Pa.; Levi, who lives on his father's homestead at Verdilla, Snyder county; William, who lives two and a half miles west of Selinsgrove, in Penn township, Snyder county; Hannah, widow of William Krebs, living at Wyoming, Del.; Aaron S.; Leah, who married John Aucker and lives near Keiser's Church; and Hiram, who lives near Thompson, in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania.

AARON S. STAHL, son of John, was born Oct. 4, 1849, in Snyder county, Pa., was reared to farm life and educated in the local public schools. At the age of twenty he went to learn shoemaking, to which trade he devoted all his attention for the next thirteen years, in Freeburg, Snyder county. He learned the business thoroughly, becoming a skillful mechanic, able to turn out all kinds of footwear, and made many gaiter shoes in the days of their popularity. Wooden shoe pegs were in general use at the time he took up the work, but he kept abreast of the progress of the times and improved his products whenever possible, taking out patents of his own and showing a spirit of enterprise throughout his connection with the business. He did repairing and had a good trade for custom work, making boots for which he received from six to fourteen dollars. After giving up the shoe business Mr. Stahl farmed for a time, and then for five years conducted the "Mount Pleasant Hotel." At the end of that time he removed to Shamokin Dam, and thence, in 1890, to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. In Sunbury he and his son Charles W. Stahl started Stahl's restaurant, at the present site of the "Aldine Hotel," and conducted the establishment successfully for a period of three years in partnership, the father then selling his interest to his son and taking the "City Hotel" at Danville, Pa., which he carried on for six months. In 1899 he engaged in the insurance business, which he has since continued, having his office at No. 336 Market Street. Mr. Stahl has established an excellent patronage in this line. He is a capable business man, and has the confidence



of his patrons, who are numerous in Sunbury and the surrounding territory.

On Feb. 25, 1872, Mr. Stahl married Salome Martin, daughter of George and Mary (Schaffer) Martin, who lived in Washington township, Snyder county, and seven children have been born to this union: Charles W., proprietor of a leading restaurant at Sunbury; William E., who is engaged in business in Sunbury; John Howard, who is engaged in business at Lewisburg; George Omar, telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Sunbury; Della G., who married O. P. Bell and lives at Williamsport, Pa.; and Mary and Harry, who died in infancy. Mr. Stahl and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and politically he is a Democrat.

SHIKELLIMY, the Indian chief whose name for a score of years was associated with every important transaction affecting the Indians of the Susquehanna Valley, was a Susquehannock by birth, descended from the ancient Andastes, and thus returned to govern the land from which his fathers had been expelled. Like many of the more enterprising youth of his tribe, he had entered the military service of their conquerors; his valor in war was rewarded by adoption into the Oneida tribe, of which he at length became a chief, an exceptional preferment for one not a member of that nation by birth.

The Iroquois, although not the actual occupants of any part of Pennsylvania, played an important part in its history throughout the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. They inhabited the fertile region south of Lake Ontario, and about the headwaters of the Hudson, the Delaware, the Susquehanna and the Allegheny rivers, including the valley of the Mohawk on the east and that of the Genesee on the west. Five tribes, the Senecas, Onondagas, Oneidas, Cayugas and Mohawks, originally constituted the confederacy, whence they were called the Five Nations; a sixth, the Tuscaroras, was admitted about the year 1712, and after that they were known as the Six Nations. Each tribe exercised exclusive jurisdiction in purely domestic affairs, while matters concerning the nation as a whole were determined by the great council at Onondaga. This was the center of their power, which was practically co-extensive with the thirteen original States, embracing also southern Canada and a part of the Mississippi Valley. In the extent of their dominion, their absolute power, and the statecraft exercised in rendering conquered tribes subsidiary to their purpose, they have been not inaptly styled "the Romans of America." In all the arts of a savage people they excelled. Their fields were well cultivated, their towns were strongly fortified, their form of government secured practical unanimity in the execution of mil-

itary projects, and in their intercourse with Europeans their chiefs often evinced a remarkable skillfulness in diplomacy and profoundness of policy. Their career of conquest was doubtless inaugurated by the subjugation of the immediately contiguous tribes, and thus, in the extension of their power to the south, the Andastes and Lenni Lenape were first brought under their sway. The Shawanese, Ganawese, Conoys and other Pennsylvania tribes also acknowledged their supremacy, and for the better government of these troublesome feudatories the great Onondaga council was constrained, in the early part of the eighteenth century, to place over them a resident viceroy. To this responsible position Shikellimy was appointed. It is not probable that he was appointed viceroy before 1728; he was not present at the treaty with the Five Nations at Philadelphia in July of the preceding year, and LeTort does not mention him among the Indians of consequence whom he met "on the upper parts of the river Susquehanna" in the winter of 1727-28. The first conference that he attended at Philadelphia was that of July 4-5, 1728, but it does not appear that he took any active part in the proceedings. He was present on a similar occasion in the following October, when, after the close of the conference, the Council considered "what present might be proper to be made" to Shikellimy, "of the Five Nations, appointed to reside among the Shawanese, whose services had been and may yet further be of great advantage to this government." The secretary of Council had gained a more accurate idea of his functions three years later, when, in the minutes of Aug. 12, 1731, he gives his name and title as "Shikellimy, sent by the Five Nations to preside over the Shawanese." At the close of the conference which began at Philadelphia on that date, the governor having represented that he was "a trusty good man and a great lover of the English," he was commissioned as the bearer of a present to the Six Nations and a message inviting them to visit Philadelphia. This they accordingly did, arriving Aug. 18, 1732. Shikellimy was present on this occasion, when it was mutually agreed that he and Conrad Weiser should be employed in any business that might be necessary between the high contracting parties. In August, 1740, he came to Philadelphia to inquire against whom the English were making preparations for war, rumors of which had reached the great council at Onondaga. He was also present at the conference at Philadelphia in July, 1742, at the treaty at Lancaster in June and July, 1744, and at the Philadelphia conference of the following August. He does appear to have taken a very active part in the discussions, a privilege which, among the Six Nations, seems to have been reserved for the Onondagas. In April, 1748, accompanied by his





son and Conrad Weiser, he visited Philadelphia, but no public business of importance was considered.

Shikellimy's residence is first definitely located in 1729 in a letter of Governor Gordon to "Shikellimy and Kalaryonyacha at Shamokin." Within the next eight years he had removed some miles up the valley of the West Branch. In the journal of his journey to Onondaga in 1737 Conrad Weiser states that he crossed the North Branch from Shamokin on the 6th of March; on the 7th he crossed Chillisquaque creek, and on the 8th he reached the village where Shikellimy lived. "On the 8th reached the village where Shikelimo lives, who was appointed to be my companion and guide on the journey. He was, however, far from home on a hunt. Weather became bad and the waters high, and no Indian could be induced to seek Shikelimo until the 12th, when two young Indians agreed to go out in search of him. On the 16th they returned with word that Shikelimo would be back next day, which so happened. The Indians were out of provisions at this place. I saw a new blanket given for about one third of a bushel of Indian corn."

The site of this village is beyond doubt on the farm of Hon. George F. Miller (1886), at the mouth of Sinking run, or Shikellimy's run, at the old ferry a half mile below Milton, on the Union county side. Bishop Spangenberg and his party passed over the same route June 7, 1745; after passing Chillisquaque creek and the "site of the town that formerly stood there," they "next came to the place where Shikellimy formerly lived," which was then deserted; the next point noted is Warrior's Camp (Warrior run). Spangenberg certainly did not cross the West Branch; if Weiser had done so in 1737 there is every reason to suppose that he would have mentioned it, which he does not; from which, if there were no other data bearing on this subject, it would be fair to conclude that in 1737 Shikellimy resided on the east bank of the West Branch at some point between Chillisquaque creek and Warrior run. But there are other data. When the land office was open for "the new purchase," April 3, 1769, there were very many applications made for this location. In all of them it is called either old Muncy town or Shikellimy's town. It is referred to as a locality in hundreds of applications for land in Buffalo Valley.

Shikellimy, some time after Weiser's visit, between 1737 and 1743, removed to Shamokin (now Sunbury) as a more convenient point for intercourse with the proprietary governors. There he resided the remainder of his life. From this point he made frequent journeys to Onondaga, Philadelphia, Tulpehocken, Bethlehem, Paxtang and Lancaster, as the discharge of his important public functions required. On Oct. 9, 1747, Conrad

Weiser says that he was at Shamokin and that Shikellimy was very sick with fever. "He was hardly able to stretch forth his hand. His wife, three sons, one daughter and two or three grandchildren were all bad with the fever. There were three buried out of the family a few days before, one of them was Cajadis, who had been married to his daughter above fifteen years, and was reckoned the best hunter among all the Indians." He recovered, however, from this sickness, and in March, 1748, was with Weiser, at Tulpehocken, with his eldest son, "Tagheneghdourus," who succeeded him as chief and representative of the Six Nations. He died in April, 1749, at Sunbury.

Loskiel thus notices this celebrated inhabitant of the valley: "Being head chief of the Iroquois living on the banks of the Susquehanna as far as Syracuse, N. Y., he thought it incumbent upon him to be very circumspect in his dealings with the white people. He mistrusted the Brethren (Moravians) at first, but upon discovering their sincerity became their firm and real friend. He learned the art of concealing his sentiments; and, therefore, never contradicted those who endeavored to prejudice his mind against the missionaries. In the last years of his life he became less reserved, and received those Brethren that came to Shamokin. He defended them against the insults of drunken Indians, being himself never addicted to drinking. He built his house upon pillars for safety, in which he always shut himself up when any drunken frolic was going on in the village. In this house Bishop Johannes Von Watteville, and his company, visited and preached the Gospel to him. He listened with great attention, and at last, with tears, respected the doctrine of Jesus, and received it with faith."

There is ample evidence in contemporary records that Shikellimy's position was one of responsibility and honor rather than profit or emolument. In the general system of national polity of which the Iroquois confederacy was the only type among the aborigines of America, his post corresponded to that of a Roman proconsul. But there the parallel ceases. Although he was charged with the surveillance of the entire Indian population of central Pennsylvania, and doubtless exacted a nominal tribute, no provision whatever was made for his personal necessities, to which, with characteristic diplomacy, the Provincial authorities were induced to contribute. "The president likewise acquainting the board that the Indians, at a meeting with the Proprietor and him, had taken notice that Conrad Weiser and Shikellimy were, by the treaty of 1732, appointed as fit and proper persons to go between the Six Nations and this government and to be employed in all transactions with one another, whose bodies, the Indians said, were to be equally divided between them and us, we to have one half and they the other; that they





had found Conrad faithful and honest; that he is a true, good man, and had spoken their words and our words, and not his own; and the Indians having presented him with a dressed skin, to make him shoes, and two deer skins, to keep him warm, they said, as they had thus taken care of our friend, they must recommend theirs (Shikellimy) to our notice; and the board, judging it necessary that a particular notice should be taken of him accordingly, it is ordered that six pounds be laid out for him in such things as he may most want." He was expected to hunt and fish, the natural modes of subsistence with an Indian, regardless of his station, but in the waning vigor of old age he was obliged to relinquish the chase, and in October, 1747, Weiser found him in a condition of utter destitution. This he describes as follows, in a letter to Council: "I must at the conclusion of this recommend Shikellimy as a proper object of charity. He is extremely poor; in his sickness the horses have eaten all his corn; his clothes he gave to Indian doctors to cure him and his family, but all in vain; he has nobody to hunt for him, and I can not see how the poor old man can live. He has been a true servant to the government and may perhaps still be, if he lives to do well again. As the winter is coming on I think it would not be amiss to send him a few blankets or match-coats and a little powder and lead, if the government would be pleased to do it and you could send it up soon. I would send my sons with it to Shamokin before the cold weather comes."

Upon the consideration of this letter it was immediately decided by Council that goods to the value of sixteen pounds should be procured and forwarded to Shikellimy by Conrad Weiser. The consignment included five stroud match-coats, one fourth of a cask of gunpowder, fifty pounds of bar lead, fifteen yards of blue "half-thicks," one dozen best buck-handled knives, and four duffel match-coats.

On the occasion referred to (October, 1747) Shikellimy was quite ill. Before Weiser left Shikellimy was able to walk about "with a stick in his hand." The following March he was so far recovered as to visit Tulpehocken, and in April, 1748, he was at Philadelphia. After this he seems to have had a relapse, for on the 18th of June in the same year the Provincial Council was informed that he was "sick and like to lose his eyesight." He again recovered, however, and in the following December made a visit to Bethlehem. On the return trip he became ill, but reached his home with the assistance of Brother David Zeisberger, who attended him during his sickness and administered the consolations of religion. His daughter and Zeisberger were present when he died. The latter, assisted by Henry Fry, made a coffin, in which, with the possessions he had valued most highly during life, the mortal remains of

the great viceroy were interred at the burial ground of his people.

At his first appearance in Colonial affairs, Shikellimy had a son and daughter and probably other children. A present was provided for his wife and daughter at the conclusion of the treaty of October, 1728; and on Aug. 18, 1729, the governor sent him a message of condolence upon the death of his son and a shroud with which to cover him. Another son, Unhappy Jake, was killed by the Catawbias, with whom the Six Nations were at war, in 1743, and in a letter dated Jan. 2, 1744, Weiser informs Secretary Peters of the fact, suggesting also the propriety of sending the bereaved father "a small present, in order to wipe off his tears and comfort his heart." Several days before Weiser's arrival at Shamokin, Nov. 9, 1747, there were three deaths in the family, Cadajies, his son-in-law, the wife of his eldest son, and a grandchild. It is evident that he had more than one daughter at that time; "his three sons" are also mentioned. The eldest, Tachnechdorus, succeeded to the former authority of his father, and, with two others, "sachems or chiefs of the Indian nation called the Shamokin Indians," affixed his signature to the Indian deed of 1749. Conrad Weiser, writing to Governor Morris under date of March 1, 1755, styles him "Tachnechdorus, the chief of Shamokin, of the Cayuga nation," the latter part of which is difficult to harmonize with the fact that his father is uniformly referred to as an Oneida. His brother seems to have been associated with him; Richard Peters, the Provincial secretary, in his account of the eviction of settlers from lands north of the Kittatinny mountains not purchased from the Indians, states that his party was accompanied by three Indians from Shamokin, "two of which were sons of the late Shikellimy, who transact the business of the Six Nations with this government." Tachnechdorus was also known to the English by the name of John Shikellimy. In 1753 he had a hunting lodge at the mouth of Warrior run and resided at a small Shawanese town below Muncy creek on the West Branch. These facts are derived from Mack's journal, which also states that Shikellimy's family had left Shamokin, where they found it very difficult to live owing to the constant drafts upon their hospitality. In April, 1756, he was at McKee's fort, but greatly dissatisfied, as nearly all of his party were sick.

Sayughtowa, a younger brother of Tachnechdorus, was the most celebrated of Shikellimy's sons. He lived at the mouth of the Chillisquaque creek Aug. 26, 1753, and in 1765 in Raccoon Valley. "In 1768 and 1769 he resided near Reedsville in Mifflin county, and has given his name to the spring near that place, to Logan's branch of Spring creek, in Center county, Logan's path, etc. \* \*

\* In 1774 occurred Lord Dunmore's expedition



against the Shawanese towns, now Point Pleasant, W. Va., which was the occasion of Logan's celebrated speech, commencing 'I appeal to any white man to say if he ever entered Logan's cabin hungry and he gave him not meat,' which will go down to all time, whether properly or not, as a splendid outburst of Indian eloquence." "He could speak tolerable English, was a remarkably tall man—over six feet high—and well proportioned; of brave, open and manly countenance, as straight as an arrow, and apparently afraid of no one." Heckewelder, who thought him a man of superior talents, called on him in April, 1773, at his settlement on the Ohio below Big Beaver; the same writer says he afterward became addicted to drinking, and states that he was murdered in October, 1781, between his residence and Detroit. He was sitting with his blanket over his head, before a camp fire, his elbows resting on his knees, when an Indian who had taken some offense stole behind him and buried his tomahawk in his brains. His English name, James Logan, was conferred in honor of the distinguished Friend who was so long and prominently identified with Colonial affairs in Pennsylvania; he is generally known to history as "Logan, the Mingo."

**SNYDER.** The forerunner of the Snyders of Lower Augusta township and that section of Northumberland county settled in that region before the Revolutionary war.

(I) Casper Snyder, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, came from Germany and settled here before the Revolution. He was a large land owner, having nearly one thousand acres, including what is now a part of the Updegrove farm, the Thomas, Peter and Adam Snyder farms, the tract now owned by Dennis H. and Newton W. Snyder, his great-grandsons, etc. He was a farmer and tavern-keeper, his tavern being located on the old Harrisburg and Sunbury road, where his son Peter succeeded him: in 1798 he built the old brick tavern known as "Blue Ball Tavern." He and his wife, Elizabeth Farst, are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, and according to the records there he was born May 2, 1745, and died Sept. 3, 1821. "Elizabeth," wife of Casper Snyder, born Feb. 5, 1754, died Aug. 12, 1823. They had the following children: (1) John, born Nov. 29, 1776, died April 29, 1851. (2) Polly, born June 24, 1782, died March 7, 1856, married a Mr. Updegraph and had three sons and one daughter, Isaac, Thomas, Adam and Sarah. Of these, Adam went to look after the vast fortune due the Snyders as heirs of the brother (of Elizabeth) Farst in Holland, but the connection was lost and he had no proofs to establish the claim. (3) Peter, born April 21, 1788, died Feb. 19, 1866. (4) Sarah (Sally) married John Hendershot (1790-1851),

and died Feb. 23, 1863, aged seventy-two years, three months, one day. They had six daughters and two sons, Eliza (Mrs. David Shipman), Harriet (who married Sylvanus Shipman, brother of David), Lydia (Mrs. Christian Fisher), Jane (Mrs. John Jones), Rebecca (Mrs. Sylvanus Shipman), Mary Ann (Mrs. Chambers Wynn), Isaac and Hiram. (5) George, born Sept. 3, 1785, died Feb. 9, 1812. (6) Casper lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township. He had sons Thomas and Simon, and daughter Catharine, who married John Cooper (we have record of one daughter, Mary Cooper). (7) Catharine married William Silverwood and had sons, James, William and Hiram, and daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. John McPresson), Sarah (Mrs. John Climer), Harriet (who first married Samuel Couldren) and Susannah (who married in the West).

(II) John Snyder, son of Casper, was born in Lower Augusta township Nov. 29, 1776, and there made his home, owning the farm which is now the property of Martha Gass. His holdings were very large, his property having been divided into eight farms, seven of which he gave to his children. He owned and operated a distillery, cider press and sawmill and kept several teams busy transporting goods for him between here and Philadelphia, which was the market center for grain and provisions. A prominent and influential citizen of his day, he served twenty-five years as justice of the peace and held the rank of colonel in the State militia, standing at the head of the militia in his district for some years. He died April 29, 1851. His wife, Maria Margaret (Fisher), known as "Peggy" (only sister of Christian Fisher), is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. They had children as follows: George, Thomas, Elizabeth (called Betsy, married John Wynn), Peter J., John (died March 25, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, eleven days; his wife Martha, born Dec. 23, 1808, died Jan. 11, 1862), Adam (born April 9, 1814, died Dec. 15, 1895; his wife Martha died Sept. 30, 1860, aged forty-six years, five months, ten days), and Sally (born Jan. 10, 1809, married John Ebright, and died July 23, 1850).

(III) George Snyder, son of John, was born Sept. 2, 1801, and was a farmer by occupation, living on and owning the farm now owned by his son Solomon. He built the house and barn now standing on that property, the house in 1854, the barn in 1851. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. He died Feb. 2, 1866. Mr. Snyder was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Conrad, who is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville, and by whom he had one son, John C., now living near Omaha, Nebr. His second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Stroh and widow of Jonathan Clark, was born Jan. 14, 1802, and died Aug. 22, 1884; she was from Lan-





caster county. To this union were born four children: Solomon S., Samuel, Morris and one that died young.

(IV) SOLOMON STROH SNYDER, son of George, was born May 27, 1836, and was reared on his father's farm. He learned various trades in his early life, being proficient as a carpenter, blacksmith and butcher, but farming has been his main occupation. In 1854 he taught subscription school, receiving fifty cents a month for each pupil. When twenty-nine years old he married and left home, beginning farming for himself in what is now Rockefeller township, having a farm of 153 acres there, near Seven Points. He cultivated and lived upon that place for twenty-one years, after which he was a resident of Sunbury for two years before coming to the old homestead farm, which he has since occupied, in 1889. Eighteen years later he sold the property in Rockefeller township. He has bought a place in Lower Augusta which comprises ninety-nine acres. His industry and intelligent labor have had their reward, and he has accumulated a substantial competence, having stocks in bank besides his landed property. He was one of the first stockholders associated with Henry Bower and gave him his first advice. In his more active years he showed his public spirit by various services to the community, having held the offices of overseer of the poor (five years) and auditor (six years), when Lower Augusta and Rockefeller townships were one. He votes independently, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 4, 1865, Mr. Snyder married Rebecca Bohner, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Kieffer) Bohner, and they have had one son, Daniel B., who was born Nov. 4, 1866, and is engaged in farming on the homestead. He has been twice married, and has one son, William Allison (who is married and lives in Sunbury), by his first union, to Lillie Zartman. His second marriage was to Emma Kappenhaver, and they have two sons, Solomon and Benjamin.

(IV) SAMUEL SNYDER, son of George, was born May 2, 1838, on his father's homestead, was reared to farming, and has lived on a part of the home place all his life, the place he now lives on consisting of eighty-one acres at one time included in his father's farm. He built the present barn there in the year 1862. He has served nine years as school director of Lower Augusta township, and he and his family are members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been especially active, having served as deacon, treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Sept. 2, 1860, Mr. Snyder married a daughter of Samuel Wynn, and in 1876 he built the house on the farm which they have since occupied. Four children were born to this union:

Jacob is a resident of Rock Island, Ill.; George was accidentally killed in the freight yard at Sunbury April 6, 1892, at the age of twenty-six years, four months, three days; Ella M. married George Neidig and they live in Lower Augusta; Clara E. married Horatio Snyder and they live in Lower Augusta.

(IV) MORRIS SNYDER, son of George, was born April 12, 1845, in Lower Augusta township, where he still resides. He inherited his father's homestead, which he sold to the present owner, his brother Solomon, in 1889. In 1890 he purchased the farm where he now lives, a tract of 105 acres, where he has since lived and where he built the present dwelling in 1897. The farm was formerly the homestead of Sylvanus Shipman, who built the barn thereon in 1871. Mr. Snyder has made farming his principal business, but he has also given some attention to outside matters, having served twenty years as justice of the peace and settled up a number of estates. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he and his family are Baptists.

In 1867 Mr. Snyder married Naomi Shipman, and to them have been born children as follows: Harry, Sylvanus, Rebecca E., Laura J., Josephine M., Ruth, Webster V. and Elmira.

(III) Thomas Snyder, son of John and grandson of Casper, lived on Boyle's run, in Lower Augusta township, owning and cultivating the place now known as the Michael Shingehrer farm. It comprised one hundred acres. Mr. Snyder married Esther Randall, who was born Feb. 25, 1806, and died April 8, 1871. He died Sept. 11, 1894, aged ninety-one years, one month, twenty-nine days, and they are buried in the graveyard of the Augusta Baptist Church, of which both were members. Their children were as follows: Silas R. is mentioned below; Harriet married Levi Thomas; Barbara married John Shipman; Martha married Elias Sternling; Jane married Elias Yerdy; Matilda married William Spies, of Sunbury; Elizabeth married Foster Ely; Sallie married William H. Swinehart.

(IV) SILAS R. SNYDER, son of Thomas, was born Oct. 24, 1834, and died Feb. 28, 1910, on the farm in Lower Augusta where he had lived for about fifteen years. It consists of 130 acres, and was formerly the David Shipman place. For six years before moving to that property he lived on the farm of his father, Thomas Snyder. He served as tax collector of his township before Rockefeller and Lower Augusta were divided. Mr. Snyder was a soldier in the Civil war, serving his first term as a member of Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and his second term with the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He held the rank of corporal. He is buried at Fisher's Ferry.

In 1865 Mr. Snyder married Lydia H. Shipman,





daughter of David and Eliza (Hendershot) Shipman, and she still resides on the farm with her sister, Harriet E. Myers. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Harris E. is in the railway mail service and makes his home at Harrisburg, Pa.; O. Perry died when seventeen months old; Jessie E. married Carey E. Burns and they live at Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township (he is now serving as county auditor).

(III) Peter J. Snyder, son of John and grandson of Casper, was a native of Lower Augusta township, where he spent all his life. He was a farmer throughout his active years, and until about ten years before his death lived on the one farm, spending his declining days with his children. He died in June, 1893 or 1894, at the home of his son David, and was buried at the Presbyterian Church in Lower Augusta township. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His farm, consisting of 120 acres, is now the property of Martha M. Gass, of Sunbury. Mr. Snyder married Sarah Shipman, daughter of John and Margaret (McKinney) Shipman, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Nov. 2, 1883, aged seventy-two years, one month, eighteen days. Nine children were born to them, as follows: Jacob S. died in Shamokin; Abigail married Aaron Wilkerson; Mary married Isaac Cooper; David married Martha G. Heaton; Jackson died in Trevorton with his son Charles; Malinda married James Smith; Emeline married Lafayette Wilkenson; Sarah Jane died aged sixteen years; Martha Ann married George Gass.

(IV) JACOB S. SNYDER, son of Peter J., was born May 27, 1838, in Lower Augusta township, and died at the home of his son Edward W., in Shamokin, March 4, 1909. He began to learn millwrighting when a boy, and followed the trade for a number of years in central Pennsylvania, building a number of mills operated by water power and helping to make a number of waterwheels; no iron was used in their construction. Later in life he took up farming, which he followed in his native township for a number of years upon the old Snyder homestead, which he owned. Though a member of the Presbyterian Church, he is buried at the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church in Rockefeller township, as is also his wife.

Mr. Snyder married Harriet D. Foye, daughter of John and Hannah (Keiser) Foye, of Rockefeller township, who had a family of five children, namely: Catharine, Samuel, Mary, Harriet and Daniel B. John Foye was a prominent man in his day and built many of the houses in Trevorton. Mrs. Jacob S. Snyder died June 11, 1904, aged sixty-two years, four days. She was the mother of four children, namely: (1) Edward W., who lives in Shamokin, taught school for twenty-three years. (2) Horatio A. is a farmer and

"squire" in Lower Augusta and also teaches school. (3) Samuel G., born March 21, 1874, spent ten years in Shamokin, moving from there in 1898 to Herndon, where he has since been clerk at the "Hotel Wiest." He is widely known to the traveling public, and is not only an experienced hotel man but particularly well fitted for the business, having a genial, pleasing disposition, and a faculty of treating those whom he meets with uniform kindness, traits which have won him many friends. (4) Elvie G. married Ed. O. Bartholomew, a farmer of Rockefeller township.

(IV) DAVID SNYDER, son of Peter J., was born Sept. 7, 1841, in Lower Augusta township. He was reared to farming, and followed that pursuit for some years, for fourteen years engaging in lumbering in Center county, Pa. He gave employment to a number of men in that line. In March, 1875, he came to Lower Augusta township, and here farmed his father's place for three years, in 1878 settling on the place in that township where he passed the remainder of his days, dying there Dec. 31, 1904, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-four days. His widow now lives there. The place contains sixty-eight acres, with an outlot of mountain land. Mr. Snyder made many improvements on the property which enhanced its value, remodeling the house and rebuilding the barn, to which he made a good-sized addition.

At the time of his death Mr. Snyder was serving as school director of his township, and he had also served as overseer of the poor. But he was particularly active in church work, being a member of the Methodist Church, which he served in a number of official capacities, being class leader three or four years and Sunday school superintendent some years. He was always interested in the spiritual welfare of the community, and his wife, who was in hearty sympathy with him, has been a liberal contributor toward the erection of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, which was built in 1909. He was a Democrat in political sentiment.

Mr. Snyder married (first) Anna Maria Walker, who died March 6, 1869, aged twenty-four years, the mother of three children: Marietta married Jacob Snyder; Harry is an invalid; David W. lives in Union county, Pa. Mrs. Snyder is buried in Center county.

On Oct. 26, 1870, Mr. Snyder married Martha G. Heaton, daughter of Michael and Mary (Walker) Heaton, of Center county, and three children were also born to this union: Prof. James Wilson Snyder, now superintendent of public schools at Slatington, Pa., married Gertrude Mendenhall, of Berwick, and they have one son, John M. Dr. John H. Snyder, of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., married Lottie C. Bloom, of Augustaville, and they have two sons, Seth Scott and James



Wilson, Jr. Ida Bell married Harry Snyder, who is office manager for a large concern in Grenloch, N. J.; they have no children.

**JAMES F. HECKERT**, engaged in general farming and trucking in Point township, is one of the enterprising agriculturists of his section of Northumberland county, and a native of the township in which he resides, born Feb. 9, 1855. He belongs to an old established family, being a descendant of Casper Heckert, who emigrated from Germany and was an early resident of Lower Mahanoy township. He was born in 1758, and died in 1837 in Lower Mahanoy township, where he had a farm of nearly two hundred acres. Some of this land is still in the possession of his posterity, who are still numerous in this county and also well represented in the Western States. He was a member of the German Reformed congregation at the Stone Valley Church, where he is buried. There also is buried his wife Catharine, who was born Oct. 6, 1760, and died Dec. 6, 1828. They had children as follows: Johannes moved to a county in the western end of the State; Michael lived in Lower Mahanoy township and there died; Solomon, who lived on a farm in Lower Mahanoy township, had two sons, Jacob and John; Frederick, a farmer, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township, had an only child, Katie, who died aged fifteen years; Philip was the grandfather of James F. Heckert.

Philip Heckert, son of Casper, born in Lower Mahanoy township Dec. 9, 1796, died March 27, 1872. He was a farmer and had a large farm near County Line and the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. His wife, Anna Mary (Wert), daughter of Henry Wert (whose wife was an Enterline), a pioneer at County Line, was born June 2, 1805, and died March 16, 1888, aged eighty-two years, ten months, fourteen days. Both are buried at Stone Valley Church, where Mr. Heckert was an official for many years. They had children: Daniel, Philip, Susanna (married Philip Techupp), Michael, Mary (married Isaac Ressler), Emanuel, Rachel (died unmarried), Casper (who was a soldier in the Civil war and died as a result of disease contracted in the service; he was unmarried), Catharine (married William Lemon), Henry (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Andrew W. and Uriah (who was a soldier in the Civil war). Philip, Emanuel and Catharine are now the only survivors.

Philip Heckert, son of Philip, lives in Rockefeller township, this county, near Augustaville, where he owns a small tract of land. He is the oldest man in his township. Born Sept. 13, 1826, in Lower Mahanoy township, he was reared to farm life. In 1853 he moved to Point township, where he farmed as a tenant thirty years, and for seven years farmed the old Thomas Baumgardner farm.

In 1883 he came to Rockefeller township, purchasing the sixty-eight acre tract (for \$1,600) where he has since lived. He is a member of the Lutheran church and has served the church officially in his time. He is a remarkably well preserved man, and has a clear memory for dates and events. He speaks both English and German. To his marriage with, Esther (Hettie) Kohl, daughter of John Kohl, late of Lower Mahanoy township, were born children as follows: Alexander, of Northumberland; James F.; a son that died in infancy (twin of James F.); Urias, who died aged thirteen years; Catharine, who keeps house for her father; John and Philip, both of whom died in boyhood; Charles, of Rockefeller township; and Ellen, widow of Francis Bloom, living in Sunbury (she has a son, Claud). Mrs. Heckert died March 14, 1904, aged seventy-six years.

James F. Heckert was educated in the public schools of his native township, and was reared to farming, which he began on his own account about 1880. For several years he was a tenant farmer, in 1897 purchasing the property he now occupies and cultivates, a valuable tract of 125 acres in Point township, nicely located. It was formerly the Daniel Sterner homestead. At one time Mr. Heckert had three peach orchards. He devotes a large part of his land to garden truck, and attends the markets at Sunbury and Northumberland, where he has established an extensive trade, finding this branch of farming very profitable. Mr. Heckert has found time to give to the public service, and has filled local office, having been supervisor some years and school director for six years. He is a Republican in political opinion.

In 1880 Mr. Heckert married Orpha A. Gibbons, daughter of Abel and Susan (Morgan) Gibbons, late of Point township. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Abel Irwin, Philip H., Martin L., Bertha M., Esther M., Susan M. and Daniel K. Mr. and Mrs. Heckert were married in the Lutheran Church at Northumberland, of which they and their family are members. He is at present serving as deacon.

Andrew W. Heckert, another son of Philip, was born near County Line, in Lower Mahanoy township, and before his marriage went to Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill., where he learned the trade of carpenter. After a few years he returned to his native county, in Pennsylvania, this being in 1873, from which time he lived at Dalmatia, where he died. He married Mary Ressler, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Haas) Ressler, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they went West together. Their six children were born there, before their return to Pennsylvania in 1873, viz.: Aletta C., Mrs. G. E. Shaffer; Mary M., wife of Frank Bordner and living in Nebraska; Susan E., unmarried; Carrie M., married to Joseph Reitz and living in





Shamokin; Ida R., who married William Dreibelbies and lives in Lower Mahanoy; and William N., who died in infancy.

**ADAMS.** David N. and Curtis M. Adams, brothers, have been business men of Sunbury from early manhood, the former in the painting and paper hanging business, the latter as a dealer in horse goods and shoe findings and manufacturer of harness. They are among the prosperous citizens of the borough, and both have served the municipality in public office.

The Adams family has long been settled in Ralpho township, this county. Casper Adams, the first of the family in this country, was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenbourg, Germany, and little is known of his early life. On coming to America he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) Church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue Church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue Church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years (his children were Edward, William and Lucinda); Daniel H., born in 1822, who died in 1892; Casper, deceased; George C., born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Eliza-

abeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

David Adams, son of Casper, was born in 1830 in what is now Ralpho township, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he continued to follow all his life. He died in 1867, at the early age of thirty-seven years, and is buried at the Blue Church. Mr. Adams married Margaret Martz, daughter of David Martz, of the same locality, and she died Sept. 23, 1874, at the age of forty-three years. To them were born eight children, as follows: William H., who lives at Dryville, Berks Co., Pa.; Richard E., of East Orange, N. J.; David N.; Harvey F., of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curtis M.; Lorenzo, who died in infancy; Mary H., who died of smallpox, in Shamokin; and Harriet L., wife of Harvey C. Sober, of Spring Grove, Va. (she visited Sunbury in the summer of 1910, after an absence of twenty years from the North).

DAVID N. ADAMS, son of David, was born July 7, 1859, near Elysburg, in Ralpho township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was engaged at farm work until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went to Danville for a year, in 1880 coming to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Here he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, for fourteen years remaining in the employ of Ira T. Clement, until, in 1895, he commenced business on his own account. He has a shop in the rear of his residence, at No. 108 North Fourth street, and has a large trade, which has shown a steady increase up to the present time. He employs from four to ten skilled men, according to the amount of work on hand.

Mr. Adams served nine years as member of the Sunbury school board from the Second ward, and for one year of that time was treasurer of the board. He is a Republican in political sentiment. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church and socially he is a member of the Knights of Malta, belonging to Commandery No. 112.

On Feb. 21, 1889, Mr. Adams married Christina Baldy, daughter of Thomas and Delilah (Bright) Baldy, and they have had a family of six children, all still at home with their parents, namely: Frank, Harry, Catharine, Thomas, David N., Jr., and Margaret.

CURTIS M. ADAMS, son of David, was born April 4, 1862, in what is now Ralpho township, and was brought up to farm life. In 1890 he engaged in the livery business in the borough of Shamokin, in partnership with E. H. Martz, and there remained two years, in the spring of 1892 coming to Sunbury, where he established himself in the same line. He continued in the livery business here until 1910, making a success of same,





but in the meantime, in 1905, he had started his present business, to which he now gives all his attention. His store at No. 506 Market street is well stocked with a complete line of horse goods and shoe findings, being the leading leather store in Northumberland county, and he manufactures harness to order. Mr. Adams's previous experience in the livery business gave him thorough insight into the requirements of his present line, and he is in every way fitted to conduct what is recognized as the foremost establishment of the kind in this section. His business methods and standing are most creditable. Politically he is a Republican, has served as a member of the borough council, and is known as a public-spirited citizen. He has been an active member of the I. O. O. F. for some years, being a past grand of Lodge No. 203 and since 1908 a representative to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On April 4, 1895, Mr. Adams married Alice Silvius, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Tucker) Silvius, of Sunbury. Mrs. Adams's father died in November, 1908, aged eighty-one years. Her mother died in 1901. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, namely: Ruth, Mary, Robert (who died in his third year), Florence and John Jacob.

**REUBEN F. MARTZ**, farmer and lumberman of Shamokin township, was born Aug. 27, 1852, upon the homestead farm at Reed's station, son of Solomon Martz. The early members of the Martz family in America came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., whence David Martz, great-grandfather of Reuben F. Martz, moved into Northumberland county.

David Martz and his brother Jacob moved from Berks county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan, all now deceased but Nathan, who resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Martz, son of Henry, was born March 22, 1818, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and when seven years old went to

live with his uncle, Solomon Fagely, in Shamokin township, remaining with him until he was eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of his uncles Amos, George and Nathan Fagely, who had a store at Mauch Chunk, clerking there sixteen months. Returning to Shamokin he engaged with William and Reuben Fagely in a similar capacity, continuing for a year, after which he went to Mount Carmel to work for Solomon Fagely, who kept a tavern there. He remained with him a year. At that time a stage line was started between Mount Carmel and Shamokin, and he was appointed driver and mail carrier, working as such for a few months. He then took the same position on the stage line between Pottsville and Northumberland, for one year, and he was the last survivor of those connected with this method of transportation in central Pennsylvania at that time. Returning to Shamokin, he was elected supervisor of Coal township, having charge of the roads from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and filled that office two years. During the next seven years he was engaged in hauling coal over the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury for William and Reuben Fagely, under contract, at the end of that time settling on the farm at Reed's station where he passed the remainder of his days. He died Oct. 4, 1894, aged seventy-seven years, and is buried at Reed's Church.

Mr. Martz was always interested in the welfare of the community and the success of those enterprises that affected all its members. His generosity to those less fortunate than himself, his benevolence to all philanthropic movements, his sympathy with all who needed it, were as much the cause of the esteem he enjoyed as his industrious and successful career. He and his family attended the German Reformed Church, and when St. Jacob's was rebuilt, in 1870, he contributed all the brick necessary, one hundred thousand, his children giving the money to erect the steeple, \$1,200. In politics he was a staunch Republican and greatly interested in the success of the party, though he never had any political aspirations for himself. He was overseer of the poor for one year after settling in Shamokin township.

On April 6, 1841, Mr. Martz married Hannah Reed, born in 1815, died Dec. 15, 1895, aged eighty years, daughter of John and Eva (Howard) Reed, of Shamokin township, and to this union were born seven children: George O.; William F., who died young; Isabella, who died in 1875, aged thirty-one years; Sophronia, who died in 1874, at the age of thirty-three years; Reuben F., John Henry and Jesse R., all of whom live at Reed's station, Jesse being on part of the old homestead.

Reuben F. Martz received his early education in the public schools of the home locality, later attending Elysburg Academy. After working some



time for his father he entered the timber business, furnishing props for the mines. This he has continued to carry on in connection with farming, owning a tract of 120 acres, part of the old homestead, his property adjoining the lands of his brothers Jesse R. and John H. He has erected fine buildings on the place since it came into his possession, putting up his residence in 1903, and the property is not only valuable for its natural advantages but also for the judicious improvements which have been made on it. He has devoted all his time to his private affairs, taking no part in public life, though he has the public-spirited interest in such matters which every good citizen feels. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Martz married Emma M. Muench, who was born in 1860, daughter of Jacob E. Muench, and died Jan. 7, 1902; she is buried at Reed's Church. Eight children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, now located in Chicago, Ill.; Hattie, wife of Edw. Michael, living in Sunbury; Solomon, a graduate of Bucknell College, now living at home; Frederick, who died when seven years old; Emma; and Ada. The family are Lutherans in religion.

**SNYDER (SCHNEIDER).** The Snyders or Schneiders are a numerous and respected family of the southeastern section of Northumberland county, with which region they have been identified for several successive generations. Their first ancestor of whom we have record was one—

(I) Peter Schneider, who settled in Berks county, Pa., in 1719, coming from New York with the first colony under the leadership of Conrad Weiser.

(II) Abraham Schneider, son of Peter, had a son

(III) Daniel Schneider, who was born in Bethel township, Lancaster (later Berks) county, and who was the father of

(IV) Johann Nicholas Schneider, the first of the family in Northumberland county. He settled in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, being one of the very early settlers of the valley. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Geist, the original place comprising a large acreage. He was born Sept. 10, 1749, and died Oct. 28, 1821; his wife Anna Maria, born Nov. 25, 1756, died Dec. 23, 1827. They are buried at Himmel's Church, in which vicinity the family is numerously represented. Johann Nicholas Schneider and his family were Lutherans, and in 1778 helped to organize Himmel's Church, and in 1818 he assisted in the building of the new church, the old log structure being replaced by one of stone. Many of his descendants are buried there also. The early members of the family were all good singers, and

they were not only active in the church and in the choir but also in the singing schools held at that day. To Johann Nicholas and Anna Maria Schneider were born six children: Johan Jacob, Johan Peter, Abraham, George, Maria Christina (1779-1859, married Andraes Geist) and Anna Catharine (born July 6, 1792, married Johan Georg Erdman, 1787-1858; she died Aug. 20, 1842, and is buried at Herb Church).

(V) Johan Jacob Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Nov. 22, 1780, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died May 29, 1851. He was a lifelong farmer, succeeding his father in the ownership of the homestead; his dwelling was near Greenbrier. He married Magdalena Erdman, born June 7, 1783, died Oct. 31, 1861, and both were Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, where they are buried. They had a family of thirteen children: Jacob, John A., Joseph, Jonathan, George, Samuel, Peter, Andrew, Heinrich, David, Sallie (married Jacob Hoffa), Kate (married Jacob Hetrich) and Lydia (married a Moritz).

(V) Johan Peter Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born Sept. 10, 1782, died Oct. 17, 1841. He was a farmer, and lived in Washington township, Northumberland county, near his brother Johan Jacob. His wife, Gertraut Maurer, born July 5, 1779, died April 1, 1844. They had sons John and George and daughters Sallie (married Jonathan Smith), Elizabeth (married Nicholas Drumheller), Catharine (married John Hetrich) and a daughter who married Abraham Deppen.

(V) Abraham Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born Sept. 4, 1788, died Feb. 8, 1873. He lived south of his brother Jacob, in the same township, and his farm continued in the family, being owned until recently by his grandson, A. Morris Snyder. His wife, Susanna (Schweitzer), born May 14, 1790, died Jan. 23, 1870, and both are buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. They had children as follows: Abraham (died April 18, 1894, aged 76 years, one month, five days; his wife, Susanna, died Nov. 13, 1898, aged eighty years, four months, eighteen days), George (who moved away from this region), John S., Daniel S., Simon, William (lived in Allentown, Pa.) and Catharine (married George Kahler).

(V) George Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born in Upper Mahanoy township Dec. 5, 1794, died Oct. 26, 1875. He lived in the extreme eastern end of Upper Mahanoy township, on the farm near Howerter's Church now owned by his son Aaron W., and followed farming. Mr. Schneider learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Abraham, and followed it to some extent, helping to build the Old Stone Himmel's Church in 1818. His farm comprised 230 acres, and he built thereon the first house and the barn now used by his son Aaron, the latter being erected in 1841. He held





the office of township supervisor and local election offices, and was a Democrat in politics.

On March 4, 1818, George Schneider married Catharine Wagner, daughter of Jacob Wagner, born May 18, 1797, died Jan. 25, 1885; they are buried at the Howarter Church, of which all the family were Lutheran members. Mr. Schneider was a trustee of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider had a family of twelve children: Solomon (who died young), Elizabeth (married Samuel Schmink), Charles, Hannah (married Abraham Erdman), Catharine, Lydia and Mary (twins, the latter dying young), Gideon, Helen, George (married a Long), Aaron W., and Abbie (married a Mr. Adkin).

(VI) AARON W. SNYDER, son of George, was born April 14, 1840, on his father's farm, and was reared there, and with the exception of one year when he lived with his brother-in-law, Daniel Reed, has passed his life on this place. He attended the old subscription schools which afforded the only advantages obtainable in the locality in his youth, and was reared to agriculture, which he has always followed. But he has also become a good mechanic, being a first-class carpenter and blacksmith. In the spring of 1868 he began farming for himself on the old place, which is in Upper Mahanoy township, and he has prospered steadily, having a valuable farm, well managed and productive.

Soon after the Civil war Mr. Snyder married Lizzie Erdman, daughter of Abraham Erdman (who married a Trautman), who lived near Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county, and nine children have been born to this marriage: Cora, who is unmarried; George, of Upper Mahanoy, who married Jennie Trautman (they have had three children, Earle, Rema and Elwood, the last named being deceased); Bertha, who died in childhood; Walter L., a farmer of Upper Mahanoy, who married Sallie Miller and has three children, Bessie, Minnie and Charles; Carrie, who married George Hornberger; Emma, who died young; Della J.; Charles D., and Mamie A.

(VI) John A. Snyder, son of Johan Jacob, was born March 29, 1803, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he lived and died, passing away April 18, 1867. He was a lifelong farmer, owning a fine place of 140 acres along the south side of Line Mountain, near Greenbrier. He was a Lutheran member and one of the most liberal supporters of and active workers in Himmell's Church, holding all the church offices, and helped to work on the old stone church mentioned previously as having been erected in 1818, helping to gather stone from the mountain. He was twice married, and both his wives were Reformed members of that church. His first wife, Maria (Schollenberger), is buried there. She was a daughter of Benedict and Christian (Moyer) Schollen-

berger, who came from Albany township, Berks county, and his second wife, Judith (Diehl), a native of Berks county, was a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Schollenberger) Diehl, her mother being a sister of Maria, his first wife. Mrs. Judith Snyder died Jan. 30, 1907, aged ninety years, two months, six days. Mr. Snyder had fifteen children by his first wife, eight sons and seven daughters, namely: Solomon, Michael, Benjamin, Amos, Jared, Aaron, John, a son not named, Regina, Susanna, and five daughters who died young, several close together, of diphtheria. To the second marriage were born six, three sons and three daughters: Peter D., Jeremiah, Tobias, Hannah (married David Schoffstall), Lydia (married John Schoffstall, brother of David) and Sarah (married James S. Reitz).

(VII) Peter D. Snyder was born in the Swabian Creek Valley, and there lived for some time after reaching maturity, following his trade, that of saddler. In 1876 he moved to Jordan township, on the farm now owned by his son John M. Snyder, which he purchased in 1882. Here he passed the remainder of his days, following both farming and his trade. He died Oct. 8, 1901, aged fifty-two years, and is buried at Klingers-town. His wife, Fietta Reiner, daughter of Charles and Peggy (Masser) Reiner, from Berks county, frequently visited relatives and friends there. She died June 8, 1906, at the age of sixty, and is buried in the Snyder family plot at Klingers-town. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had two children, John M. and Charles, the latter of whom lives in Portland, Oregon (he married Sallie Deibert and has one child, Jesse).

(VIII) JOHN M. SNYDER, son of Peter D. Snyder, was born Aug. 7, 1872, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until about twenty years old. Meantime he also learned the saddler's trade from his father, and followed it for some years; since he has made farming his principal business he has confined his work at the trade to his own needs and work for his neighbors. In 1908 he began farming on his own account, but since 1906 he has owned the seventy-two acre farm in Jordan township, a half mile northwest of Klingers-town, upon which he lives, and which was formerly his father's property. It is just five minutes' walk from the point where Schuylkill, Dauphin and Northumberland counties converge. This was the old Samuel West homestead, and the house, which is of log construction, was built about eighty years ago. Mr. Snyder is enterprising and up-to-date in his farming operations, and gives special attention to the raising of chickens and hogs.

On March 18, 1909, Mr. Snyder married Hattie Schadel, daughter of William and Catharine (Strobecker) Schadel. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are





Lutheran members of the Klingerstown Church, and he is a Democrat in political principle, with inclinations for independent action when the occasion demands.

(VII) TOBIAS SNYDER, son of John A., was born Dec. 11, 1851, on his father's homestead, and received his education in the common schools. He made good use of his opportunities for studying German, in which he is quite proficient. He was reared to farm life, and when he became of age took up farming on the place where he was born, and where he has continued ever since. His farm is a nice level tract of 140 acres, well improved under his management, and he has greatly remodeled the dwelling, making an addition to the west side. The east part is a log house built by Benedict Schollenberger, and when Mr. Snyder remodeled it, in 1897, it was exactly one hundred years old. He is energetic and progressive, and has been successful in his work, so much so that besides his home property he owns four of the nicest farms in the valley; one is across the line in Washington township, adjoining Upper Mahanoy. His acreage is greater than that of any other one man in the section. One of his farms was the Abraham Geist homestead; another the Daniel Gonser homestead; another the Jonas Reitz homestead; and a fourth his uncle Jonathan Snyder's homestead. He has built new houses on three of these places, and the Snyder properties are easily distinguished from the fact that the houses are all painted white. Thrifty management and neatness of appearance characterize all his farms. Mr. Snyder is a representative citizen of Upper Mahanoy township, esteemed for his honorable and useful citizenship, and has given efficient service as overseer of the poor. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his day, and has an excellent memory, being particularly well versed in the early history of his family. He belongs to the Lutheran congregation of Himmel's Church, which he has served as deacon and elder, and he assisted liberally when the present beautiful church was erected in 1904.

In 1880 Mr. Snyder married Emma Reitz, daughter of Jonas Reitz, and five children have been born to them: James L., a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, married Mary Schreffler, and they have had three children, Charles, Florence and Dory; C. Howard, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, married Teney Smith, and they have had three children, William, Helen and Flossie; Ira C., who lives with his father, married Minnie Snyder, and they have had two children, Ambrose (deceased) and Edna; D. Francis, who lives on his father's Washington township farm, married Mary Rebuck and they have had two children, Emma and Sarah; Jennie M. married William Schreffler, brother of Mary (who married James L. Snyder), and they have had two children, Lloyd

and Anna (they live in Upper Mahanoy township).

(VI) Jonathan Snyder, son of Johan Jacob, was born in the Swabian creek section of Upper Mahanoy township, and died in 1876, aged sixty-seven years. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the place which is now one of the Tobias Snyder farms. He was active in church matters as a Lutheran member of Himmel's Church, and held various church offices, and he is buried at that church. He married Susanna Schollenberger, daughter of Benedict Schollenberger, of Albany township, Berks county, and they had children as follows: Simon S. is mentioned below; Jacob S. died on his farm at Leck Kill April 7, 1894, aged sixty-three years, ten months, twenty-nine days, his wife, Catharine, dying Aug. 26, 1903, aged sixty-seven years, three months, nine days; Cornelius, who was a carpenter by trade, built the famous Elijah Byerly barn in Lower Mahanoy township, the most modern barn in that township, and later removed to Laporte, Ind., where he died; Enoch, a blacksmith, went to the defense of his country in the Civil war, and because of his extraordinary strength was selected as one of the four hundred men detailed to erect the pontoon bridge across the Rappahanock river, being shot while engaged on that work, in December, 1862; Emanuel died at home, during the epidemic of spotted fever; Gehret (or Gehred), of Bloomsburg, Pa., was formerly a shoemaker, but has lately entered the hotel business, being proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel" at Bloomsburg; Henry M. is mentioned below; Lydia married Gabriel Reiner; Elizabeth married William Kehres; Sarah married William Kauffman.

(VII) SIMON S. SNYDER, son of Jonathan, was born March 2, 1829, and died Jan. 3, 1904. During his earlier life he was a shoemaker and saddler, later becoming a farmer, and he owned the fine property which is now in the possession of his son Edwin W. He built the large Swiss barn (100 by 50 feet in dimensions) which stands on the place in 1871. He took some part in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor in his district, and for a number of years was a deacon of St. James Church in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was a Lutheran member; he and his wife are buried at that church.

Mr. Snyder married Leah Wetzel, born Nov. 20, 1829, died June 21, 1886, daughter of Peter Wetzel, and six children were born to this union: Lizzie (married Peter Paul). William W., Edwin W., Kate (married Joel Daniel and later Preston Fretz), Sarah E. (married Edwin Beisel and later Samuel Herb) and Susan (married Daniel Runkel).

(VIII) EDWIN W. SNYDER, son of Simon S., is one of the foremost agriculturists in his dis-





trict. He was born Feb. 4, 1857, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, received his education in the common schools, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he was thirty-three years old. He was paid wages from the time he was twenty-one. In the spring of 1890 he began farming for himself on the place where he now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, located on the road from Line Mountain to Pitman, and about three-quarters of a mile from the Schuylkill county line. His farm contains 218 acres of the best land in the vicinity, and is in excellent condition in every respect, giving evidence of intelligent care and first-class management. He takes his produce to Shamokin. Mr. Snyder has won success by hard work, and he is deservedly one of the most respected men in his neighborhood. He has been a school director of his township since 1904, has served as overseer of the poor, and has proved his worth in many capacities. In political connection he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church (the Union Church) in Eldred township, Schuylkill county.

On June 9, 1879, Mr. Snyder married Mary Ann Herb, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Fetherolf) Herb and granddaughter of Adam and Magdalena (Schwartz) Herb. Ten children have been born to this union: Clara J., Sadie (married Sylvester Fetter), Henry S. (married Mary Kersteller), D. Edwin (married Mamie Leitzel), Bessie L. (married Henry Wehry), Victor C., Lloyd E., Allen H., Gehret H. and Ora E.

(VII) HENRY M. SNYDER, postmaster at Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 27, 1851, in Upper Mahanoy township, on the old homestead. He received but meager educational advantages, his whole attendance at school covering only seven months, but by application and intelligent use of his time he has won the reputation of being the best read citizen of his section, and he is well up on current events, having an active mind and a taste for reading which has made many of his leisure hours enjoyable. With the exception of the ministers he has the largest and most comprehensive library in his district, and his fondness for history is apparent in his selections. Mr. Snyder has led an active and progressive life. Reared on the farm, he passed his early years in agricultural work, and when eighteen began to learn shoemaking and harnessmaking, following same for thirty years. From 1871 to 1875 he was with his brother Gehret, in 1875 settling in Hickory Corners, where he has made his home ever since. In addition to his business he has found many duties in the public affairs of the place, where since 1893 he has held the office of postmaster, having been first appointed that year and reappointed every four years up to the present. During his earlier years

Mr. Snyder was a very active worker in the Democratic party in his locality, having served fifteen consecutive years as township committeeman, and for twelve years was delegate to the county conventions. He was one of the conferees of Congressman Simon P. Wolverton who nominated him for the district on the occasion of his latest nomination, which was followed by his election. He was an ardent Democrat until 1896, when he joined the Gold Standard wing of the party. In 1901 Mr. Snyder was elected a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which then had a membership of 1,800 in the United States. Mr. Snyder has been a correspondent for four county papers since 1898, and he was the principal contributor to an elaborate article published in the *Philadelphia Record* and other metropolitan papers in October, 1898, entitled "Homage in Cannon Roars." He is one of the stockholders in the Sunbury National Bank, and his judgment in financial matters is highly prized.

On March 21, 1875, Mr. Snyder was married to Esther R. Zartman, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Raker) Zartman, and they have had a family of six children: Daniel J., who is at present principal of the Mifflinville high school in Columbia county, Pa.; Harlan R. C., also a public school teacher, now supervising principal of the West Berwick schools in Columbia county; and four who died young—Halmer B., Wilson, Susanna and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and their family are Lutheran members of the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church; Mr. Snyder served two years as deacon and was secretary of the Sunday school for a number of years.

(VI) John S. Snyder, son of Abraham, was born in Upper Mahanoy township Dec. 16, 1824, and died Nov 3, 1901, on his farm in that township. Mr. Snyder was a well known man in his day. He followed shoemaking for fifteen years or more, and also operated a farm, owning a place of 120 acres, now the property of his son Elias Snyder. He was active in the public affairs of the community, serving many years in various offices, as constable, school director, supervisor and auditor, and was also prominent in church work, being a chorister of Himmel's Church for many years; then St. John's church was built, and he became chorister there, serving until a few years before his death. He was a useful and popular man in the locality, a staunch member of the Democratic party, and identified with the progress of his day in many ways.

Mr. Snyder married Susanna Schreffler, born April 9, 1826, died June 28, 1902 (daughter of Godfried Schreffler), and both are buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township.





Fourteen children were born to their union: Sarah married Andrew Dunkelberger, and they made their home in Michigan, where she still lives (Mr. Dunkelberger is deceased); Edward is a resident of Sunbury, Pa.; Mary is the widow of Jerry Beissel, of South Bend, Ind.; Rudolph is mentioned below; Luzetta is the widow of Joel Haning and lives at Pitman, Pa.; Elias lives on the old homestead; Emma; Sevilla married Daniel Herb, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; John has been lost track of by his family; Vesta married Robert Maurer, of Mahantango, Pa.; four died young.

(VII) RUDOLPH SNYDER, son of John S., was born Feb. 3, 1852, in Upper Mahanoy township, and received a common school education. He was reared to farming, working for his parents until he attained his majority, after which he engaged in huckstering for seven years, making weekly trips to Shenandoah and Mahanoy City. During this time he continued to live at home. Then, in the spring of 1881, he came to the place where he has ever since lived, following general farming, in which he has been very successful. He has an eighty-five-acre farm, formerly a Ressler homestead, and the property has been improved considerably during his ownership. In 1903 he built the present barn, and in 1909 he made an addition to the house.

In 1881 Mr. Snyder married Sarah Alice Geist, daughter of Daniel and Cecilia (Updegraff) Geist, and nine children have been born to them, namely: Irwin (married Carrie Heim), Casper (married Minnie Bentzinger), Sadie (married Charles Matern), Walter, Gurney, Alverta, Carrie, Willard and Millard. Mr. Snyder and his family are Reformed members of Himmel's Church. He is a Democrat in political opinion, and he has served six years as school director of Upper Mahanoy township.

(VI) Daniel S. Snyder, son of Abraham, was born Jan. 6, 1827, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died March 18, 1903. He was a lifelong farmer, owning and living upon the place until recently occupied by his son, A. Morris Snyder, which comprises over two hundred acres in all; there are 148 acres of cleared land, besides the woodland. Mr. Snyder prospered, and he built the present barn in 1857; he also built part of the dwelling. Mr. Snyder was quite active in his locality, was a Republican in politics, and served some years as supervisor and also as school director of his township; he held the former office at the time the Mountain road, across Line Mountain to Shamokin, was built.

Mr. Snyder married Sarah A. Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith, and she survived him, dying May 9, 1905, aged seventy-three years, seven months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and some of their children are buried at St. John's

Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. They were Lutheran members of that church. They had the following family: Harriet, who married (first) Ed. Erdman and (second) David Hepler; Martin, a farmer of Washington township, Northumberland county; Wesley, a farmer of the same township; Malinda, deceased, who married Dr. H. H. Malick; Ellen, who married William Houghton; Daniel, of Allentown, Pa.; Milton, born April 13, 1861, who died of diphtheria June 23, 1863; Samuel I., born Jan. 15, 1869, who died Aug. 2, 1873; Savira (or Sovira), born Oct. 21, 1856, who died of diphtheria May 30, 1863; Charles E., of Allentown, Pa.; A. Morris; and Daisy, who married Howard Geist, of Girardville, Pennsylvania.

(VII) A. MORRIS SNYDER, son of Daniel S., is a prosperous farmer. He was born on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township March 19, 1873, and received his education in the local schools and in the academy at Berrysburg, Dauphin county. Farming has been his life work, and in the spring of 1890 he began farming on his own account at the homestead, where he continued to live until he sold the place, in 1910. He and his brother Charles purchased the farm from their brother Daniel in 1890, and owned it in partnership for nine years, at the end of which period A. Morris Snyder purchased his brother's interest. In 1910 he bought the nice level place in Rockefeller township where he moved Nov. 24th of that year, and where he now lives. He is a successful agriculturist, owns a full line of up-to-date farm stock, and markets his produce at Ashland and Girardville, sometimes making as many as four trips a week.

On July 8, 1899, Mr. Snyder married Belia Jane Hetrick, daughter of Samuel and Hosanna (Dunkelberger) Hetrick and granddaughter of John Hetrick and of Joseph Dunkelberger. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Willard D. (who died in infancy), Henry Alvin and Esther Pauline. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are Lutheran members of St. John's Church. He is a Republican in politics, and at present is serving as township auditor and supervisor.

SNYDER (SCHNEIDER). Gabriel Schneider, a native of Berks county, Pa., located in the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, at what is now known as Uniontown, formerly Snyderstown. He was known as "Gab." Schneider. A miller by occupation; he built a stone gristmill on the Mahantango creek which is still (1910) standing, and which after his day was owned by a Boyer. According to tradition this pioneer Schneider was buried at Uniontown. He had, among other children, a son David.

David Schneider, son of Gabriel, succeeded his father in the milling business, conducting the mill for some years, until he sold it to Boyer; the lat-





ter was succeeded by his son, Levi Boyer. After selling the mill David Schneider moved to Washington township, Northumberland county, where he operated what is now known as the Latsha mill. Continuing thus for some years, he moved to Tower City, Schuylkill county, where he died at an advanced age. His children were Henry (who lived at Sacramento, Schuylkill county) and Peter.

Peter Snyder, son of David, learned milling at the Uniontown mill, operated the Haas mill near Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, two years, and then came to Washington township, where he operated what is now known as the Latsha mill for two years. He died in April, 1849, when less than thirty years old, and is buried at Himmel's Church. Peter Snyder married Elizabeth Hepner, daughter of Henry Hepner (married a Schaeffer), and two children were born to them, Sarah and Israel. The daughter is the wife of Isaac Brown, now a retired miller, and they live at Winfield, Union Co., Pa.; they had children: Elsworth, Irwin, Charles and Emma.

ISRAEL SNYDER, son of Peter, was born Nov. 22, 1847, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and in 1867 commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has ever since followed. After five years at the trade he began to work as boss carpenter, and he has been engaged all over the lower end of Northumberland county as well as in Allentown and other cities in the eastern part of the State. He worked sixteen years for Acker, Slayman & Co., of Shamokin, and has long been in business on his own account, employing from two to nineteen men, as the needs of his work demand. He built the large store and residence of A. G. Sleich at Gowen City, Northumberland county; two of the largest public school-houses in Shamokin; the three-story 119-foot knob factory at Shamokin; the Lutheran and Reformed church at Gowen City; the U. B. church at Uniontown; and many houses and barns in different sections of the county. His high-grade work and success have brought him a large patronage, which he holds by the same methods through which it was won.

In 1870 Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Maurer, daughter of David Maurer, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, and children as follows have been born to this union: a son that died in infancy; Alvin, who died aged two years, two months, eighteen days; Mary E., who married Edgar Romberger, of Schuylkill county, and has had Mazie, Willie, Annie, Howard (deceased) and Katie; and Annie E., who married Elmer Smith, of Shamokin, and has three children, George Israel, Emma E. and Allen.

Mr. Snyder and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church. He is an independent voter, and has served his township three years as auditor.

FRED C. LINDERMAN, one of the proprietors of the well known Antlers Cafe, in Shamokin, Pa., is of German origin, his ancestors first settling in Bucks county, Pa., upon coming to America.

John Linderman, the great-grandfather of Fred C., was born in Bucks county, Pa., and removed to Berks county, near Douglassville, where he purchased a farm. In addition to farming he was a charcoal burner and also did weaving. He died upon his farm in Berks county. His children were: Conrad; William; Jacob; John; Martha, and Frederick.

Frederick Linderman, grandfather of Fred C., was born in Berks county, near Douglassville, and also followed charcoal burning. He also learned the trade of ship carpenter, which he followed for some time. In 1861 he removed to Schuylkill county, Pa., and in 1868 came to Shamokin, where he was employed in and around the mines. His death occurred in Shamokin. Mr. Linderman married Anna Rhoads, also of Berks county, and they had issue: Mary, who married Eli Mengel; Valina, who married Daniel Christ; William R.; John, of Shamokin; Martha A., who died young; George, deceased; Margaret, who died young; and Isaac, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

William R. Linderman, father of Fred C., was born at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1845. At the early age of twelve he began to work as a boatman on the canal and he followed this work until he enlisted in the Civil war, in the spring of 1862, in Company F, 52d Regiment, **Pennsylvania Volunteers**. He saw active service in the Army of the Potomac, was twice wounded, was taken prisoner at Charleston, S. C., and was taken to Andersonville prison, where he was held for seven months; he was exchanged in February, 1864, at which time he returned home on a furlough. Later he joined his company and regiment and remained in service until the close of the war, returning home in July, 1865, to Schuylkill Haven, Pa. He followed boating till the fall of 1868, at which time he came to Shamokin, and was employed for three years in the mines. He then spent twenty years with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in different positions. He is now employed at the Hickory Swamp colliery, at outside work. Mr. Linderman was commander of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., in 1895. He married Phoebe Reed, daughter of Moses and Maria (Kantner) Reed, and they had children as follows: Minnie R., who married John Schmick; Martha A., who is at home; Fred C.; Clarence H. and Herbert W., twins; Frank; Leona, who married Ray Vought, of Shamokin; and Harry B.

Fred C. Linderman, son of William R., was born in Shamokin May 22, 1873. He attended the local schools of Shamokin and when quite young began work as a slate picker at the Green Ridge colliery. This he followed until he was



fifteen years of age, at which time he became employed at other work around the collieries, continuing in various positions until he reached the age of twenty-two. He then became a lineman for the Pennsylvania Valley Telephone Company (now the Pennsylvania Telephone Company), by whom he was employed for about four years. He next worked for the Bell Telephone Company for one year, when he became a clerk for Lafayette Trometter, in the hotel business, remaining with him six and a half years. In 1906, in company with Joseph P. Schmidt, he bought out Mr. Trometter's business, which is located at the corner of Washington and Independence streets, in the Elks building, and the place is now known as the Antlers Cafe. It is up-to-date in all things, being among the leading places of its kind in the community.

On March 20, 1901, Mr. Linderman married Maggie R. Thompson, of Danville, Pa., daughter of John Thompson, and they have one son, John H. Socially he is a member of the local lodge of Elks (No. 355), the Order of Eagles and the Sons of Veterans.

**JOHN H. RABUCK**, stonemason and farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 27, 1862, in Washington township, this county, son of Harrison W. and Eliza (Paul) Rabuck. The family name, usually spelled Rebeck, has been perpetuated in this region in the post office Rebeck, named after a member of this well known family, which is especially numerous in Washington township and the surrounding territory.

According to tradition the first member of the family in this country was from the German Palatinate and came to America to avoid service in the war then being waged in his native land. The older members of the family say that his name was Schaffer, but that he assumed the name Rebeck to prevent his being traced and taken back to the Fatherland, where punishment for such an offense as his was severe. This pioneer ancestor was known in the New World by the name John Adam Rebeck. He first located in Berks county, Pa., whence he came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township, in that part now embraced in Washington township. There is the old-established business stand, now for many years conducted and owned by the Kehres family, where the post office and hamlet of Rebeck are located. The hamlet contains about a dozen dwellings. The pioneer was a farmer. Among his children were Valentine, John Adam, Jr., and Michael. Of these, Valentine Rebeck in 1778 was among the taxables of Mahanoy township, which then included considerable territory in the lower end of the county.

Michael Rebeck, son of John Adam, the pioneer,

was born July 14, 1769, and died Oct. 7, 1852, when over eighty-three years of age. He lived on Greenbrier creek, in Washington township, and was an extensive farmer, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He had a tract of 162 acres which is still in the family name, being now owned by his grandson, John Rebeck. He built the barn still standing on that property, and also a small dwellinghouse. He was a Reformed member of the Himmel Church. His wife, Catharine (Reis), born Aug. 21, 1775, died Nov. 7, 1858. Their children were: Bevy, who married Peter Ferster; and Godfried, called "Big Godfried."

Godfried Rebeck, son of Michael, was born July 28, 1798, and died May 29, 1875. He was a tall, heavy man, with dark hair, was a farmer by occupation, and owned much land, living on the Greenbrier homestead of the Rebeck family. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, and they are buried there. His wife, Catharine (Wagner), born March 26, 1801, died June 30, 1860. They had children as follows: Salome married John Schrefler; Daniel W. married Lydia Delp; Catharine married Harry Rebeck; Hannah married John Wentzel; Polly married Peter Snyder and (second) Henry Herb; Lydia married Philip Reitz; Harrison W. is mentioned below; Jacob, born in 1837, died unmarried; John, born in 1839, died unmarried, in 1861; Sarah married John Kieffer and (second) Jacob Reber. There were three Godfried Rebecks, known as "Big Godfried," "Little Godfried" and "Red Godfried." The latter, Godfried B. Rebeck, kept the store and post office at Rebeck.

Harrison W. Rebeck, son of Godfried, was born July 12, 1834, and was a farmer during his active years. He moved from Washington township to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, thence to Jordan township, this county, and then to Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., in 1881 returning thence to Northumberland county and locating in Jordan township again. From there he returned to Dauphin county, settling near Gratztown, in Lykens township. He now lives at Herndon, Pa., with his son J. Wilson Rebeck. During the Civil war he was in the Union service as a member of Company K, 172d Regiment, for nine months. He married Elizabeth Paul, who died in September, 1904, in her seventy-second year, and they had children: John H., James, Elmira L., Augustus, J. Wilson and Reilly.

John H. Rabuck attended the common schools of Jordan township and later those of Mifflin township, Dauphin county. But he was obliged to begin work early, leaving school during the panic of 1873 and beginning to learn the trade of stonemason. As the hard times did not seem to lessen in severity he left Dauphin county, where his parents were then living, for a time.





In 1888 he first came to the farm where he now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, a tract of sixty-six acres which formerly belonged to Andrew Snyder, who built the present house there. In the earlier days it was owned by Heinrich Schadel, whose son William succeeded him, and during William Schadel's ownership of the place all the buildings on the premises were destroyed by fire. Mr. Rabuck and his father built the barn. John H. Rabuck has owned this farm since 1904. He is a thrifty and successful farmer, and he has become one of the substantial and respected citizens of his neighborhood, where he is very popular, being a man of intelligence and well read, with an interesting personality which draws many friends to him. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 637, of Klingerstown, and in religion is a Lutheran, holding membership in the Hebe Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Rabuck's travels and varied experiences have given him a broad outlook on affairs affecting the general welfare, in which he is much interested. He retains many traits developed during his roving life, and he is one of the best climbers anywhere in his section.

Elias F. Rebuck, a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, was born there Feb. 23, 1842, son of Samuel Rebuck and grandson of John Rebuck. The latter was a farmer in the same township, owning what is now the property of David Paul. He is buried at the Himmel Church. By his first wife, Catharine Brosius, he had seven children: Samuel, David, Catharine, Godlieb, Gabriel, Polly and John. His second marriage was to Catharine Thomas, by whom he had three children, Elias, Daniel and Anna. By his third wife, Elizabeth (Druckenmiller), there were no children. His three wives are buried at the Himmel Church.

Samuel Rebuck, son of John, was born June 17, 1810, and died March 30, 1882, where his son Elias now lives. He is buried at the Salem Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and served as deacon and elder of his congregation. He followed farming during his active years where David S. Paul now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, and in his earlier life also engaged in shoemaking. He owned a tract of land at Seven Points. He was a public-spirited man, and served his township as school director and supervisor. His wife, whose maiden name was Brosius, was born March 5, 1809, and died Feb. 23, 1894. To them were born children as follows: Rosina married William Heim; Lydia married Elias Ochs; Mary died unmarried; John married Elizabeth Ossman; Samuel married Lovina Kellers; Elias F. is mentioned below; Polly married Daniel Schlegel; Kate married Nathan Steely; Amelia married William Kutz.

Elias F. Rebuck had limited advantages for se-

curing an education in the subscription schools conducted in the vicinity of his early home. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1877 at the place where he has since continued to reside, a farm of 114 acres in Upper Mahanoy township, originally an Orendorf homestead, later owned by John Eisenhart, Heinrich Fetter and Samuel Rebuck, successively, before it passed into the present ownership. A fine frame dwelling Mr. Rebuck erected in 1906 replaced an old log house which had stood for over one hundred years.

In 1879 Mr. Rebuck married Sarah Snyder, daughter of Levi Snyder, now the oldest resident of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have had children as follows: Meda C. (Mrs. John Baum), Mary A., Samuel Henry, Rosa C., Katie C., Charles Elias and Lulu E. Mr. Rebuck is a member of the Salem (Herb) Church, of which he was an elder for six years; his wife belongs to the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically Mr. Rebuck is a Democrat.

BERTRAM GALBRAITH, business man of Milton and present tax receiver for that borough, is a native of that place and a member of the third generation of Galbraiths to live there. The members of this family have borne high reputation for integrity and ability in the conduct of all their enterprises, and in his active and many-sided life he has proved a typical representative of the name he bears.

The family of Galbraith has long been established in America, and in the old country dates back to the remote antiquity of Scotland. The name is derived from the Celtic and originally belonged to the Lennox in that country. The Galbraith chiefs had their residence in the parish of Baldernoch. The Galbraiths of the isle of Ghiga descended from those of Baldernoch, as may be traced in the ancient records, having fled thither with Lord James Stewart, youngest son of Murdoch, Duke of Albany, from the Lennox, after burning Dumbarton, in the reign of James I. of Scotland. They continued to hold that island until after 1500. The following lines from the Scotch show the estimate in which the name was held:

Galbraiths from the Red Tower,  
Noblest of Scottish surnames.

There is now a small island in Scotland called "Iuch (Island) Galbraith." Upon it are many ruins of castles and villages, the strongholds built by the clan when war was the rule.

When Hon. W. A. Galbraith, of Erie, Pa., was traveling in Scotland, hearing that a family by the same name lived close to where he stopped, he went to call on them. He had with him a coat of arms preserved by the family in America, which he showed them, and they immediately produced







*William Fairbank.*



a precise counterpart, the arms showing three bears' heads, muzzled, on a shield surmounted by a knight's helmet and crest with the motto, which, translated, is, "Stronger from opposition." Thus the origin of the family is established without doubt.

James Galbraith, the first of the line under consideration to settle in America, was born in 1650 in the North of Ireland, son of John Galbraith, and emigrated in 1718 with his family, settling in Donegal, Lancaster Co., Pa. He was a man of influence and prominence in his day, and was among the founders of the old Derry Church, in what is now Dauphin county, Pa., near Derry station, and is buried in the old graveyard of that church. He died Aug. 23, 1744. The first regular pastor of this church, Rev. William Bertram, died May 2, 1746, and is buried near the church. Rebecca (Chambers), wife of James Galbraith, was a daughter of Arthur Chambers, who with the Allen, Allison, Armstrong, Boyd, Berryhill, Barnet, Bell, Black, Campbell, Clark, Carother, Crain, Carson, Calhoun, Craig, Caldwell, Cunningham, Cochran, Dixon, Dickey, Dougherty, Elder, Espy, Foster, Ferguson, Gilmore, Goven, Gray, Graham, Galbraith, Henderson, Hays, Hampton, Jones, Johnson, Kelley, Laird, McCormick, McClure, McNair, McKeehan, Mitchel, Murray, McKee, McCreight, McDonald, McArthur, McMurray, McKnight, Montgomery, Ramsey, Rogers, Rutherford, Reed, Sloan, Sterrett, Snodgrass, Strain, Stewart, Smith, Simpson, Sturgeon, Todd, Wilson, Wallace and McMahan families settled in the district just referred to between 1720 and 1730. Five children were born to James and Rebecca (Chambers) Galbraith, viz.: John, Andrew, James, Jr., Elenor (married Patrick McKinley) and Rebecca (married a Stewart).

John Galbraith, son of James, born in 1690, resided where the Mount Joy and Marietta turnpikes cross Donegal run; he owned a large tract of land. He was elected sheriff of Lancaster county in 1731 and was a prominent man in his locality. He died in 1754. In 1757 Janet, his widow, and James Galbraith, sold the mill which he built to John Baley.

Andrew Galbraith, son of James, born in 1692, lived near his brother John, his home being on the Little Chicques creek. When Lancaster county was organized he was appointed the first coroner, and he and his brother John were members of the first jury drawn. In 1730 he was appointed one of the justices of the peace and of the Common Pleas court, which position he filled with honor until 1745. In 1732 he was elected a member of the Assembly in a spirited contest, in which his wife took an active part. Mounting her mare "Nelly" she rode around among the Scotch-Irish, who followed her to Lancaster, to the polls, where she addressed them most effectually. He was aft-

erward reelected without opposition, serving several terms in succession.

James Galbraith, Jr., was born in the North of Ireland in 1703, and died June 11, 1785, in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland county; he is buried in the Derry graveyard. He took up a tract of land in what is now Derry township, Dauphin county, on Spring creek, not far from the Church Oleon, the warrant therefor being granted him March 13, 1737. The early Provincial records of Pennsylvania speak frequently of him, for he was prominent in military circles and served in 1742-43 as sheriff of Lancaster county, where he was also justice of the peace for many years. He took an active part in the French and Indian war, serving as an officer from 1755 to 1763, and during the Revolutionary war, in which all his sons served, he was appointed lieutenant for Cumberland county, being too old for active duty in the field; his long experience as an officer gave him considerable prestige and authority, and he was frequently consulted during the Revolution on matters pertaining to the prosecution of that war.

On April 6, 1734, James Galbraith married, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Elizabeth Bertram, who was born in 1714 in the North of Ireland, only daughter of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Gillispie) Bertram. Mrs. Galbraith died Feb. 2, 1799, in Derry township, Dauphin county, the mother of the following children: William, Bertram, Robert, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Thomas, John and Ann. Robert Galbraith's daughter Rebecca married Ephraim Blain, commissary general of purchases during the Revolutionary war, who was the grandfather of the late James G. Blaine.

Bertram Galbraith, second son of James Galbraith, Jr., was first lieutenant in Lancaster county during the Revolution, doing excellent service for his country in that capacity. By his first wife, a daughter of Josiah Strong, of Donegal, he had nine children, the eldest son being Josiah, great-grandfather of the present Bertram Galbraith, of Milton. Of the others, Harriet married a Hoffman and died at Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Ann married Charles Maus, of Maudsall, Montour Co., Pa. Bertram Galbraith's second marriage was to Henrietta Huling, of Benvenue, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they had two children: Sarah, who married Samuel Morris, of Philadelphia, and Bertram Gillespie, who married Eliza Fagar Bell, of Harrisburg.

Josiah Galbraith, son of Bertram, married and had two sons, one of whom was Bertram, grandfather of Bertram Galbraith, of Milton. Josiah Galbraith settled in Clinton county, Iowa, became wealthy, and died there, many of his descendants still residing in that section, all of his family but Bertram going out to Iowa at an early day.

Bertram Galbraith, son of Josiah, was the grandfather of the present Bertram Galbraith, of





Milton, Northumberland county. He was born in 1808 in Lancaster county, near the Dauphin county line, and when a young man came to Northumberland county, being the founder of the family in this locality. He settled at Milton, where he passed the remainder of his days. A man of large build, six feet, two inches in his stocking feet and weighing two hundred pounds, he had a forceful personality, but he was as well known for his intelligence and strong character as he was for his physical make-up. He was a distiller by trade, but did not follow that occupation long, being for many years the owner of three boats on the west branch of the canal, and also engaging in other business and serving in public office. He was in the insurance business at Milton for many years. He served as constable and tax collector, and was at one time a candidate for sheriff of the county. In political sentiment he was a Whig. There were few better known residents of the county in his day. He died Sept. 26, 1862, aged fifty-four years, fifteen days, and is buried at Milton.

Mr. Galbraith's first marriage was to Elizabeth Blue, who was born in 1812, sister of Sheriff Frederick Blue, of Montour county. She died Oct. 30, 1851, aged thirty-nine years, two months, leaving four children: Huling, who served in the Civil war in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died unmarried (he is buried at Milton, Pa.); Mary Ellen, deceased, who married James R. Miller, and resided in Milton; Emma J., who married Albert Cooper, of Philadelphia; and William B. For his second wife Mr. Galbraith married his cousin, Mary Rosetta Galbraith, who was born Dec. 16, 1824, daughter of James Galbraith, who settled at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa. By this union there were three children: Laura, widow of Harry B. Geissinger, who was employed in the custom house at Philadelphia (he died in May, 1910); Horace, who died young; and Bertram S., who lives at Milton, Pa. The mother died Oct. 9, 1903.

William B. Galbraith, son of Bertram and Elizabeth (Blue) Galbraith, was born in Milton Sept. 19, 1836, on Lower Market street, directly opposite the house in which he resided from 1893 to 1909. He attended the public schools and Milton Academy, which in those days was taught by Rev. P. T. Bucher, but he began work early, being for three years in the employ of W. F. Nagle, for many years the town's leading merchant, whose store was on the site now occupied by the "Bartram" apartment building (Mr. Galbraith lived in the "Bartram" from 1909 until his death). He was still a boy when he took charge of his father's boating interests on the canal, along the west branch of the Susquehanna. He continued in this line for a number of years, running the business on his own account after his father died, until the fall of 1866. In 1873 he commenced the insurance busi-

ness, to which he ever afterward gave the greater part of his attention. He first represented the Watertown Company of New York, which was later merged into the Sun Company, and he was one of the first agents in this country for the Sun Insurance Office, of London. From 1900 Mr. Galbraith had his son Bertram as partner in this business, the firm name being William B. Galbraith & Son. He built up a most profitable patronage, which he handled with skill and to the satisfaction of his patrons, who extended over a wide radius in this section of the county.

On Jan. 1, 1863, Mr. Galbraith married Mary Ann Hause, daughter of George and Mary (Keefer) Hause, and they had five children: Bertram, a daughter that died in infancy, Maude, Albert C. (a traveling salesman and partner in firm of Bertram Galbraith & Bro.), and Blanch (born in 1874, who died in 1881). Mr. Galbraith was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred May 22, 1911, and he was buried in Harmony cemetery.

Bertram Galbraith, eldest son of William B. Galbraith, was born Oct. 25, 1864, in Milton, and there received his education in the public schools. Shortly after the great fire of 1880 he became a messenger for the American Union Telegraph Company, this company later becoming the Western Union. When eighteen years old he commenced business with Charles E. Brownell, of Williamsport, their first location being in the Cadwalader building, on Broadway. They did business under the name of Brownell & Galbraith, and dealt in fruits. They were among the pioneers in the daily paper line, the first paper they handled being the *Philadelphia Record*, the second the *Williamsport Breakfast Table*, and gradually they came to handle almost all the leading Philadelphia and New York papers, Mr. Galbraith still dealing in this line. In April, 1881, Mr. Galbraith accepted the position of night operator at the telephone exchange, where he remained for nearly three years, meantime also continuing his business and attending high school, and he was very well known to his many patrons as Milton's young news agent and rising business man. In 1882 Brownell & Galbraith put up a frame building at the corner of Front street and Broadway, where they established their business, and shortly after their removal to that location Mr. Brownell retired from the association, Mr. Galbraith continuing the business alone with the success which has attended all his efforts until 1903, when his brother became a partner in the firm, which is now Bertram Galbraith & Bro. For many years he was located at the corner of Broadway and Front street, on leased ground. When the rent, however, was increased ten dollars per month, being raised from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars, he would not pay it, and to secure another business location





he purchased the "Globe Hotel" property, corner of Broadway and Arch streets. He moved his frame structure to the new location bodily (leaving the old stand March 22, 1909), without taking any of his goods out, doing business all the time his building was on the move, and had electric light every night. On each end of the building was a sign, "It's cheaper to move than pay the rent." It was located next to his apartment house, the "Bartram." He improved both the store and the stock, which is now comprehensive, including a fine line of cigars and tobacco, sporting goods, newspapers and supplies, for which he finds a steady demand. As stated, Mr. Galbraith purchased the valuable property at the corner of Arch and Broadway owned for many years by the Fonda estate and occupied by the "Globe Hotel," and he has improved the place until it is now one of the best appointed apartment houses of its size in Northumberland county. In addition to his other enterprises, Mr. Galbraith has been interested in the insurance business for the past ten years, having been in partnership with his father, as junior member of the firm of William B. Galbraith & Son, now W. B. Galbraith's Sons.

In 1906 Mr. Galbraith was elected tax receiver of the borough of Milton, and was reelected in 1909, without opposition, an honor which is sufficient comment on the value of his services and the satisfaction they have given to his fellow citizens generally. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Mr. Galbraith is widely known socially. He was the first dealer in bicycles in this section and became an expert rider, winning many prizes in local contests, and he was a well known long distance rider when bicycling was at its height, the newspapers having made many of his trips famous. He was a member of the old Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia. Athletics generally have always claimed his interest. He was the owner and manager of the Milton Base Ball Club from 1902 to 1904, and in 1905, with a few other citizens of Milton, formed an association known as the Milton Athletic Association, which acquired its baseball park through Mr. Galbraith's efforts, it being presented to the team. Mr. Galbraith holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks (charter member), Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F., the F. O. E., Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Arcanum. He attends the Presbyterian Church. His numerous relations, social, business, fraternal, etc., make him a valued correspondent for various newspapers, including several of the leading Philadelphia papers. He makes his home with his parents.

**REITZ.** This is a name now numerously represented in Washington, Little Mahanoy and Lower Augusta townships, as well as in various other

portions of Northumberland county, founded in that section in the middle of the eighteenth century by one George Reitz, who settled in Washington township among the earliest pioneers of that region. The members of the family from that time to the present have been ranked among the substantial, respected, public-spirited and altogether desirable citizens of this favored community, prospering by industry, supporting the churches and all enterprises which have for their object the uplifting of their fellowmen and the advancement of the general welfare, and in their individual lives upholding the best traditions of their forefathers who helped to found the best institutions of this part of Pennsylvania.

George Reitz, the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county, settled in Washington township among its earliest residents and was a large landowner there, his original tract including the land now embraced in the farms of Luther Rebuck, William Rebuck, Harvey Rothermel, Charles B. Hetrich and A. C. Adams. He is buried in an unmarked grave near a fence, in the orchard on the farm now owned by C. B. Hetrich. Among his children were sons Andraes and Michael.

Andraes (Andrew) Reitz, son of George, was born at Swabian Creek, in Washington township, Jan. 1, 1755, and there passed his life; owning and occupying the original homestead of his father—the place where George Reitz lived, died and found his resting place. He followed farming. He married Maria Margaretha Brosius, born May 17, 1761, who died Oct. 20, 1826, and his death occurred March 16, 1837. They are buried at Himmel's Church. Among their children were: George, Jacob, Johan Nicholas, Philip, John, Margaret (married Daniel Hoch), Lydia (married Michael Smith), Susan (married George Tryon or Treon), and two other daughters whose names are not given.

Philip Reitz, son of Andraes, was born Feb. 4, 1805, in Washington township, and died Sept. 1, 1875. He owned and lived upon the farm which is now the property of Cornelius Adams, and there all his children were born and reared and there his death occurred. He married Anna Wagner, who was born Oct. 5, 1807, and died Feb. 22, 1866. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which church both were Lutheran members. Their children were as follows: Daniel lived and died at Tower City, Schuylkill county; Jacob lived and died at Watsontown, this county; Harrison is mentioned below; Peter was killed while serving in the Civil war, at the fall of Richmond; Andrew lives in Oklahoma; Elias died young; Eliza married Samuel Reitz; Mary married Frank Rebuck; Susan married Emanuel Conrad; Lydia died young.

Harrison Reitz, son of Philip, was born Jan. 18, 1835, in Swabian Creek, and lived in his native



township until after his marriage, moving across the Mahanoy mountain into Lower Augusta township when he was about thirty-five years old. Here he has since made his home, following farming. He owns two tracts in the township, one of thirty-seven acres (upon which he resides) and one of eighteen acres, with a substantial set of buildings upon his home tract. Mr. Reitz is a Democrat and has served his township two years as supervisor. In religion he is a Lutheran, and he has taken his share of the church work, having served as deacon, elder and trustee.

In 1867 Mr. Reitz married Sarah Reitz, daughter of Henry Reitz and his second wife, Polly (Dunkelberger), and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Edward died in infancy; Jane is the widow of Wilson Raker; Joseph is unmarried; Henry I. is mentioned below; Abia married Herman Drumheller; one son died in infancy; William, unmarried, lives with his parents.

HENRY I. REITZ, who is now engaged in farming in Lower Augusta township, was born in that township May 11, 1875, and received his education in the local public schools and at Selinsgrove Academy, which he attended during several spring terms. He received his first license to teach in Northumberland county from Prof. Ira Shipman, his second from Benjamin Apple, and began his work as teacher at Malick's schoolhouse, in Washington township. He taught in all five terms, one in Washington township, two in Upper Mahanoy and two in Little Mahanoy. From 1900 to 1910 Mr. Reitz was employed in the silk mill at Sunbury, in the spring of 1910 settling on the farm in Lower Augusta township which he had purchased in 1906. This tract of sixty-seven acres was formerly the homestead of Samuel Renn, whose father, Jacob Renn, owned it first. Mr. Reitz intends to devote his attention principally to farming, and if his former success is any indication of what his future may be he will soon be ranked among the intelligent agriculturists of his locality. The year of his location in this district—1910—he was appointed a justice of the peace. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Sept. 5, 1897, Mr. Reitz married Allie Raker, daughter of Daniel and Annie (Dornsife) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, and they have one son, Clyde Emerson. The family are active in church life as members of St. Elias Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta township.

Michael Reitz, the other son of George Reitz (the pioneer in Northumberland county of this name) mentioned, was born in January, 1757, and owned a place of 125 acres in Washington township (where Luther Rebeck now lives) where he died Dec. 17, 1825. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Schnock, was a native of Berks county, Pa., born about 1766, and made the trip to

Northumberland county on horseback. She died Dec. 18, 1853, and she and her husband are buried at Himmel's Church, of which they were pioneer members, belonging to the Lutheran congregation. All the family were active in the official work of this church, in which Michael Reitz held all the offices, and in 1818, when the old stone church was erected, he acted as building master. He was an all-around useful and prominent member of his community, and respected accordingly. His children were: Michael lived in Jackson (now Washington) township; George settled at Red Bank, Pa.; John settled at Red Bank, Pa.; Jonas lived in Washington township (where William Rebeck now lives); William settled at Red Bank, Pa.; Peter lived at Richfield, Pa.; Daniel is mentioned later; Bevy married Johan Georg Reed; Christina married Michael Hetrich.

(Johann) Michael Reitz, son of Michael, was born Aug. 12, 1785, in Washington township, and died July 28, 1874. He married Magdalena Eister (also spelled Eyster and Oyster), who was born Feb. 27, 1788, a member of an early family of the Mahantango valley, and died Oct. 12, 1846. They owned and lived upon the farm which is now the property of Harvey Rothermel (who has a tract of about ninety-eight acres), and Michael Reitz built the dwelling which still stands on this place. Like the other members of the family he and his wife worshipped at Himmel's Church, being members of the Lutheran congregation, which he served in an official capacity. Their children were: Peter, who was a farmer in what is now Rockefeller township; Abraham, who lived in Little Mahanoy township; Christiana, who married Michael Hoch, after whose death she moved with her daughter Sarah, wife of Killian Snyder, and family to Missouri, during the seventies; David, who lived in Washington township; Leonard, who lived in Washington township; and Jonas.

Daniel Reitz, son of Michael and brother of Michael recorded in the above paragraph, was born Aug. 11, 1804, in Washington township, on the farm now owned by Luther Rebeck, which was the homestead of his father. He was a lifelong farmer, held township office, and was a useful and respected man of his neighborhood. He and his family were Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, in the graveyard of which many generations of the Reitz family are buried, and there he and his wife rest. He died Jan. 9, 1886, and his wife, Susanna (Borrell—spelled "Boorel" on the tombstone), born June 26, 1810, died Jan. 12, 1881. They had fourteen children: Mary married Elias Rebeck; Jonas married Ellemina Snyder; Samuel married Eliza Reitz; Catharine married (first) Godfried Rebeck and (second) Andrew Rebeck; Christiana died young; John married Polly Herb; Susanna died young; Salome married Milton Drumheller; one son died in infancy; Elizabeth married Jared





Snyder; Michael married Alice Raker; Harriet died in infancy; Leonard married Ellemina Shaffer; Daniel married Mary Billman.

Leonard Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was born Oct. 18, 1822, on his father's farm in Washington township, and was a lifelong farmer there. He worked for his father until he was several years past his majority, and then purchased the homestead, which he farmed for several years before he sold it and purchased the property now owned by his son Emanuel. This tract consists of three parts, one of thirty-three acres, one of thirty-five acres and one of fifteen acres, and there is a fourth tract of fifty acres of woodland, making a total of 133 acres. Leonard Reitz died May 6, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty years, and during his long life he was not only a thrifty farmer but also an active citizen of his township, serving many years as supervisor and as deacon, elder and trustee of Himmel's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. To him and his wife Susanna, who was a daughter of John Snyder and his wife (who was a Schollenberger), were born six children: One son that died in infancy; Lydia, who married John Brosius; Emanuel; one daughter that died in infancy; John, of Washington township; and Edward, of Washington township.

EMANUEL REITZ, son of Leonard, was born Jan. 11, 1860, in Washington township, attended the local district schools and spent his youthful days on the home place, working for his parents until he was twenty-one. After he attained his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years, in 1896 settling down to farming upon the place where he now lives, in his native township. He takes his produce to Shamokin. Mr. Reitz is a thoroughly progressive farmer and interested in the public affairs of his locality as well as in furthering his own prosperity. For twelve years he served as auditor of his township, elected to that office on the Democratic ticket. He is well informed on the early history of his family.

On Jan. 9, 1896, Mr. Reitz married Jane Drumheller, daughter of Milton and Salome (Reitz) Drumheller, and they have become the parents of five children: One daughter that died in infancy; Harry Milton; Katie Susanna and Annie Salome, twins; and Walter Daniel.

Jonas Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was born June 30, 1825, in Washington township, on his father's homestead, and died April 5, 1902, at Greenbrier, to which place he had moved upon his retirement from active life. He long owned and operated a tannery upon the farm now owned by Frank Adam, and was a thrifty and prosperous man, standing high among his fellow citizens for his upright and conscientious walk in life. He married Luzetia Smith, daughter of

Michael Smith, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Aug. 13, 1874, aged fifty-one years, five months, fifteen days. They are buried at Himmel's Church, which Mr. Reitz served as deacon. Their family consisted of three children: Elizabeth married D. S. Reitz and they made their home at White Church, Wyandotte Co., Kans.; Emma married Tobias Snyder and they are prosperous farming people of Upper Mahanoy township; James S. married Sarah Snyder.

JAMES S. REITZ, son of Jonas, merchant and postmaster at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, was born June 10, 1860, in Washington township, was educated in the public schools there and spent his boyhood and youth assisting his father about the tannery. In the spring of 1874 he began farming in Washington township, following that pursuit for seventeen years in his native locality, for two years cultivating his grandfather's homestead and for fifteen years living on the farm now owned by Lewis Snyder in Upper Mahanoy township. In 1902 he engaged in the mercantile business at Greenbrier, succeeding S. S. Smith, and he has since operated his general store and also a weekly huckster route to Shamokin, where he markets his produce. This mercantile stand is one of the oldest established in the lower section of the county, and under Mr. Reitz's management its patronage has grown steadily, his affability and obliging disposition winning him customers and friends from near and far. He has been postmaster since 1902. For six years he served as school director of Upper Mahanoy township, and for three years as assessor of the same township, and he has long been prominent in the local activities of the Democratic party, having served as delegate to various county conventions. He and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, which he has served as deacon and trustee. During the residence of the family in Upper Mahanoy township he was for fifteen years connected with St. John's Church, there, and served as deacon, taking part in the various enterprises and movements of the church. In fact, he has been thoroughly identified with all the phases of the life of the community as a citizen who is willing to give of his time and efforts for the general good.

In 1880 Mr. Reitz married Sarah Snyder, daughter of John and Judith (Diehl) Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, and five children have been born to them: Alice, wife of Jesse E. Geist; John H., who married Minnie A. Falck; Charles E., assistant postmaster at Greenbrier and also his father's assistant in the mercantile business; James W.; and Flossie J.

Peter Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was the grandfather of Daniel N. Reitz, of Lower Augusta township. He was a native of Schwabian Creek, Washington township, spent his





earlier manhood in Upper Mahanoy township, and later moved to Richfield, Snyder county, where he died and is buried. He owned a farm and devoted himself to agriculture. Like the family generally, he was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Reitz was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: William; Mrs. William Billig, of Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill.; Ellen, wife of Daniel Crelig (they moved out to Ohio by wagon, and still live in that State); Mrs. Michael Schollenberger, who lived in Snyder county; Mrs. Jacob Bohner, of Uniontown; Mrs. Isaac Fenstermacher, of Georgetown; Benneville, of Ohio; and Peter M. To the second marriage were born four children: Elias, late of Sunbury; Mrs. Solomon Banner, of Snyder county; Tobias, of Adamsburg, Pa.; and Mrs. Simon Schollenberger, late of Snyder county, Pa. All this family were born at Swabian Creek.

Peter M. Reitz, son of Peter, learned the trade of miller in the original old log mill at Sunbury, this county, commencing that work when he was sixteen and following it until he was about thirty-eight years old. During all this time he was at Sunbury, operating what is now known as the Haas mill, one of the early mills of the section. Then he took to farming, owning a place of 100 acres in Rockefeller township, where he was a substantial and respected citizen, deacon, elder and trustee of the Lutheran Church there. He is buried at Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, known as the Wolf's Cross Road Church.

Mr. Reitz was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Deppen, who is buried at the Lantz Church in Rockefeller township. Two children were born to this union: William Morris, of Irish Valley; and Elizabeth, who married George Dunkelberger. By his second union, to Catharine J. Weiser, daughter of Peter Weiser, of McKees Half Falls, Pa., he had seven children: Urias P., now of Rockefeller township; David C., of Sioux City, Iowa; Jonathan E., of Rockefeller township; Daniel N.; Annie R., married to Frazer Wolf; Katie J., married to H. E. Miller; and Laura A., married to Bert Witmer. The mother of this family, born April 18, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1909.

DANIEL N. REITZ, son of Peter M., was born Nov. 21, 1864, in Rockefeller (then Lower Augusta) township. Until he attained his majority he worked for his parents on the farm in his native township, and then learned the carpenter's trade with Daniel Fasold, following that line of work for about fifteen years, in Sunbury, Shamokin, and the adjacent portions of Northumberland county. In the spring of 1901 he began to farm in Lower Augusta township, working his own place until 1910, when he sold it and became farmer for Dr. B. E. Wilkinson, who has one of the best farms in Lower Augusta township. As may be judged from his present responsibilities, Mr. Reitz is an intelligent, modern farmer, enterprising and

up-to-date in all his methods and thrifty in all his undertakings.

On June 26, 1886, Mr. Reitz was married to Clara A. Gass, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Dunkelberger) Gass and granddaughter of Peter Dunkelberger, of Little Mahanoy township. They have had three children: Domer A., Clan A. and Ora M. Mr. Reitz and his family are Lutheran members of the Wolf's Cross Road Church in Rockefeller township. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

Michael Reitz, great-grandfather of Alvin P. Reitz, of Shamokin borough, and of William H. Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and settled in Washington township, Northumberland county, in 1790. He died there. Among his children were: Daniel, Jonathan, Michael, Peter, Henry and Samuel.

Henry Reitz, son of Michael, was born in Swabian Creek, Washington township, and there passed his earlier life, later moving to Lower Augusta township, where he owned a large farm. After a residence of twenty-two years in that township he returned to Swabian Creek, where he had a small farm, and there he remained until his death, which occurred when he was past ninety. He was a gunsmith as well as farmer and well known in his time. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of Himmel's Church, and is buried at that church. One of the progressive citizens of his day, he served as member of the township school board and took an active part in all movements intended for the advancement of the general good.

Mr. Reitz was married four times, his first wife being a Bechtel, his second Maria Dunkelberger (born Dec. 23, 1803, died Jan. 3, 1863), his third a Tschupp and his fourth an Engel (from Georgetown, this county). One daughter was born to the first union, Lovina, who first married a Mr. Eister, later a Mr. Hayes. By his second union there were three children: Sarah, Adam D. and Joseph. There were no children of the third and fourth marriages.

Adam D. Reitz, son of Henry, was born May 6, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, and died March 22, 1885. He is buried at the Union Church in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township. The greater part of the time he was engaged as a laborer, though he owned a tract of land for some years. He married Mary Raker, daughter of William and Kate (Zartman) Raker, and she survives him, now making her home at Trevorton. She has reached the age of sixty-nine years (1910). Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam D. Reitz: William H., Dennis and Galen.

WILLIAM H. REITZ, a resident of Little Mahanoy township, was born March 12, 1862, in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared, living there





until he reached the age of sixteen. Coming to Little Mahanoy, he worked among farmers until he was twenty-one years old, when he was married and went to Shamokin. There he drove a wagon for Seiler, Zimmerman & Co., for whom he worked seven years and three months. For some months he was fireman for an electric light company, then drove a team for Acker, Schleyman & Co., until his return to Little Mahanoy township, where he purchased a tract of ten acres upon which he built a house and settled. He raised garden truck and huckstered to Shamokin for eight years, at the end of which time he began working for the Trevorton Coal Land Company, in whose employ he has since continued. He sold his property just mentioned to that company and has since purchased a 126-acre tract near by.

On Feb. 11, 1883, Mr. Reitz married Miranda Peifer, daughter of George Peifer, and they have three children: Sylvan, Victor and Jennie. He and his family are members of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Little Mahanoy. Mr. Reitz has served some years as a school director of that township. He is a Democrat in political faith.

Joseph Reitz, son of Henry and brother of Adam D., was born in 1843 at Fisher's Ferry, and died Jan. 21, 1908. He is buried at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Reitz was a prominent citizen of that township. He was engaged in business as a merchant at Dornsife, and also followed farming, retiring from active work a few years before his death. His efficient service in various township offices made him a well known figure in local public affairs, he having served as member of the school board, overseer of the poor and supervisor. In religious matters he was a Lutheran. He married Catharine Peifer, daughter of George Peifer, of Little Mahanoy township, and she still survives, making her home at Dornsife. Six children were born to this marriage: Daniel P. (who died Aug. 29, 1900, aged thirty-six years, one month), Alvin P., George (of Dornsife), Edward (of Dornsife), Joseph (who is connected with the East End Lumber Company, of Shamokin) and Gertrude (at home).

ALVIN P. REITZ, general manager of the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, was born in 1867 at Mine Run, in Lower Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the schools of the home locality. Later he studied at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. He has since made his home in Shamokin. For a time he was employed as brakeman on a passenger train, and then learned the trade of carpenter, which was the beginning of his present interest in the contracting and building line. In 1892 he commenced contracting, and in 1903 formed a partnership with John D. Hilbush, with whom he is still associated. They did a prosperous business under the firm name of Reitz & Hilbush until 1906, when they

formed what is now known as the East End Lumber Company, incorporating with a capital of \$75,000. In addition to contracting and building they conduct an extensive planing mill business and retail lumber, giving employment in these various lines to a force of eighty men. The company has its office and business headquarters at No. 301 Franklin street, Shamokin, and is one of the leading concerns of the kind in this section of Pennsylvania. Its reputation for high-class and thoroughly up-to-date work is firmly established, and the standing of the individual members of the company is sufficient guarantee for its standards and responsibility. The officers of the company are: F. D. Raker, president; E. Raker, secretary; J. D. Hilbush, treasurer; and A. P. Reitz, general manager. Mr. Reitz devotes the greater part of his time and attention to the business of the company, but he is interested in the general business prosperity of the borough, and is a member of the Merchants' Association. Socially he unites with the local lodge of Elks and with the Red Men.

Mr. Reitz married a daughter of Jacob Zartman, of Shamokin, and they have one son, Harry Elwood, who was born in 1901.

David Reitz, son of (Johann) Michael, grandson of Michael, and great-grandson of George, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, was the grandfather of John L., David W. and Charles J. Reitz, brothers, the first named a business man of Mount Carmel, the second a resident of Pillow, near Lower Mahanoy township, the last named a resident of Little Mahanoy township.

William Reitz, son of David, has always lived at Greenbrier, in Washington township, in which township his father also lived. William Reitz was a well known merchant of that place during his active years, and is now living retired. He married Susanna Raker, and to them were born four children: Katie, John L., David W. and Charles J.

JOHN L. REITZ, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz, was born in 1876 near Greenbrier and received his education in the schools of that locality. He was engaged with his father until he came to Mount Carmel, driving a huckster wagon for some time. On March 15, 1900, he settled in Mount Carmel, which has since been his home. Several years later he engaged in the produce business there in partnership with E. R. Reitz, under the firm name of E. R. & J. L. Reitz, later buying out his partner's interest. He has since continued the business on his own account as a wholesale produce dealer, having now the leading trade of the kind in the borough. Mr. Reitz is located in a fine building near the Reading station, which he erected in 1902. He is one of the substantial and respected young business men of the place, where he has gained high standing and





the esteem of his fellow citizens by his upright methods and earnest efforts to cater to the wants of a large and growing patronage. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows and K. of M.

Mr. Reitz married Elizabeth Swalm (also written Schwalm), and to them have been born five children: William, Charles, Grace, Katie and Bessie. The family are identified with the Reformed Church.

DAVID W. REITZ, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz, was born May 23, 1880. He was reared in the vicinity of Rebeck, and received his education in the schools of that locality. After his service in the Spanish war he began work as a clerk in the store of E. R. Reitz, who was then doing business at Rebeck, remaining with him for six years. He then married and moved to Mount Carmel, where for one year he was employed by his brother John L. Reitz, in the produce business. The next year he and his younger brother, Charles J. Reitz, bought the stock, fixtures and good-will of his former employer, E. R. Reitz, continuing the business at Rebeck for about three years. David W. Reitz was next engaged as proprietor of the "Glenn House," at Lykens, which he bought from Galen & Bingaman, conducting that place for two years, at the end of which time he settled in Uniontown (Pillow), which is just across the Northumberland county line in Dauphin county. Here he became proprietor of the "National Hotel," buying the stock and fixtures from his brother, Charles J. Reitz, and the hotel from William H. Deibler. It is one of the old established stands in this section, and draws an excellent patronage from the surrounding territory. Mr. Reitz has gained the confidence and respect of his neighbors and patrons by obliging service and upright business methods. During his residence in Washington township he took considerable interest in public affairs, serving as treasurer of the township and as treasurer for the road supervisors, and he was quite active in the work of the Democratic party. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, and of Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F., of Mahanoy, Pa., which latter organization he joined May 30, 1900. He and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Reitz enlisted in Company A, 21st Infantry, Regular Army, July 23, 1898, at Shamokin. He served for a time at Fort McPherson, and was returned to that point after being taken ill with typhoid at Lithia Springs, Ga., being eventually granted a furlough until his recovery. After regaining his health he reported at Fort Monroe, thence went to Plattsburg, to rejoin his command, and in February, 1899, received an honorable discharge.

In 1901 Mr. Reitz married Dora Schreffler, daughter of John and Caroline (Keaffer) Schreffler, of Washington township. They have had four

children: Anna C., Lewis (who died in infancy), Katie S. and Edna C.

CHARLES J. REITZ, of Dornsife, merchant and proprietor of the "Dornsife Hotel," was born April 30, 1884, at Rebeck, in Washington township, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz. He was educated in the local schools and when fourteen years old began clerking, his first position being with Samuel Hetrich, at Leck Kill. After two years' employment there he went to Allentown and clerked in several stores there, remaining in that city for several years. Returning to Rebeck he clerked there two years for E. R. Reitz, until he and his brother David W. formed a partnership under the firm name of Reitz Brothers, and purchased the goodwill, stock and fixtures of E. R. Reitz (the lower store). Three years later Charles J. Reitz bought his brother's interest and for one year continued the store alone. The next year he was at Pillow, where he conducted the "National Hotel" for one year, and then purchased the stock, good-will and fixtures of Fred R. Dornsife at Dornsife, where he is now doing a thriving mercantile business. He carries a comprehensive general stock, and employs two clerks. His hotel business is also prospering, and he is considered one of the rising young business men of the place.

On March 17, 1903, Mr. Reitz married Bertha M. Hetrich, daughter of Charles and Alice (Latscha) Hetrich, and they have had one child, Harold W. The family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church. Mr. Reitz is well known in the fraternities as a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove; of Mahanoy Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F.; of Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., of Allentown; and of the State Grange at Greenbrier. He is a Democrat in politics and has taken some part in local affairs, having served as treasurer for the road supervisors and overseers of the poor of Washington township.

Jacob Reitz, grandfather of Daniel Z. Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, was born in Washington township in the Himmel Church neighborhood, son of Andraes Reitz. He lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Bucher, near St. Peter's Church, followed agricultural pursuits, and died there; he is buried at St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy. He and his wife, Mary (Hepler), had children as follows: Jacob, Benjamin, Daniel H., Samuel, Isaac (married Lydia Lenker, born July 18, 1825, died March 5, 1852), Joseph, Zetic (1829-1855), Catharine (married John Fegley), Maricha (married George Miller), Lydia (married Henry Dressler) and Mrs. Seiler.

Daniel H. Reitz, son of Jacob, was born in Washington township, and lived on the place in Little Mahanoy now owned and occupied by his son Daniel. He cultivated that place, a tract of 100 acres, but he was best known as a carpenter,





which trade he followed practically all his life. In this capacity he built many houses and barns in his earlier manhood, later doing shop work, making chairs and other furniture, and as he was a very skillful workman he also made coffins, which was a great advantage, as he had considerable business in the undertaking line; he was called upon to bury many people. He was also active in local public matters, serving as supervisor and as overseer of the poor, and he and his family were leading members of St. John's United Evangelical Church in Little Mahanoy township, which he served as class-leader and exhorter. In politics he was a Democrat until the breaking out of the Civil war, after which he joined the Republican party.

Mr. Reitz married Harriet Zartman, daughter of William Zartman (whose wife was a Herb), and she survived him, dying Jan. 21, 1899, aged eighty-three years, four months, nineteen days. Mr. Reitz died May 13, 1889, aged seventy-five years, nine months, twelve days, and they are buried at the church above mentioned. They were the parents of thirteen children: One son died in infancy; Amanda died young; Eliza died young; Elemina is unmarried; Harriet married Jeremiah Wagner; Isaac is a resident of Uniontown, Pa.; Sarah married Isaac Baddorf; Abby married Jeremiah Weaver; Daniel Z. is mentioned below; Lucinda married Reily Heckert; Mary Ann died aged thirteen years; Rebecca married Alfred Baker; one son died in infancy.

DANIEL Z. REITZ was born Nov. 28, 1851, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township where he still makes his home. He received his education in the local schools and was reared to farming, after he was twenty-one receiving pay for his services until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he took charge of the place, running it ten years for his father. After his father's death he cultivated it ten years for his widowed mother, and since about 1899 he has farmed it on his own account, being now the owner of the property. He is a progressive agriculturist, and has made a number of improvements on the place, which is in excellent condition. Mr. Reitz has proved himself an intelligent and useful citizen, and has served in the various offices of school director, supervisor and auditor with satisfaction to all concerned.

On May 17, 1879, Mr. Reitz married Laura E. Raker, daughter of Isaac D. and Phoebe Ann (Witmer) Raker, of Little Mahanoy, who died in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Reitz have a family of four children: Herbert N. married Maggie Miller and has two children, Laura M. and Casaline L.; Landis L. married Amelia M. Peifer and has a daughter, Alma A.; Edwin R. has been an invalid since 1904; D. Elmer is a clerk at Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Reitz were among the last members of St. John's U. E. Church in Little Mahanoy.

No services have been held there since 1905. Rev. Ralph Deibert was the last pastor.

**SHAFFER or SCHAFFER.** The Northumberland county family bearing this name, in the Mahanoy region and in Jordan township, was established in that section before the organization of the county, in 1772, and was founded in America by Frantz Schäffer. The first two or three generations in this country lived about the Stone Valley Church, and the valley to this day is known to the older residents as "Schaffersdale." Nearly all the land in one section of Lower Mahanoy township was owned by members of this family. The name is found with various spellings, the most common forms being Shaffer, Shafer, Schaffer and Schafer. This family has no connection, so far as is known, with the Schaeffer family of Berks county, Pa., of which Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania, is a member; nor with the Schäffers well represented across the Susquehanna river, in Snyder county.

Frantz Schäffer and his wife Elisabetha, of Germany, had two sons, Jacob Conrad and Wilhelm. Frantz Schäffer determined to try his fortunes in America, but his wife was steadfastly resolved to remain in the Fatherland. So settled was each in the conviction of right that they divided their worldly effects with the idea of separating, the father to have the elder son to accompany him to the New World, the mother to keep the younger boy, Wilhelm. The wife and son Wilhelm accompanied the father and elder son to the port of embarkation. The vessel was receiving its passengers. But when the time came to say good-bye the wife weakened. The memories of happy and pleasant days in the past could not be shaken off so easily. She concluded that if her husband could support himself and one son he could also support her and the other son, with her help, and she joined him in the journey at the last moment. They landed at Philadelphia, before the opening of the Revolutionary war, and before 1800 they were settled in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in the vicinity of Zion's Church in Stone Valley, in the graveyard of which church, at the old west end, rest the remains of these pioneers, who were the founders of a large and respected posterity. Their names appear upon the tombstone of their son Jacob Conrad Schäffer, who was born Aug. 7, 1762; their other son, Wilhelm, was born May 28, 1764. The Schäffers were called "Swopes," as many natives of Wurttemberg were known—apparently a Pennsylvania-German corruption of the German "Schwab." Descendants of both of the sons of these early settlers are still numerous in the region where they made their home.

Jacob Conrad Schaffer, son of Frantz and Elis-



abetha, was born Aug. 7, 1762, and died Sept. 11, 1822, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is buried, at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. He lived in that township, where he owned land and followed farming. Among his children were two sons: Jacob, of whom we have no records; and Michael.

Michael Schaffer, son of Jacob Conrad, was born and reared near Stone Valley Church, and lived there for some years. Then he moved to Jordan township, where he lived on a farm now owned by a Walborn, a large tract near Uniontown (Pillow). He died there, and was buried at the Stone Valley Church, where so many of the family have found their last resting place. A number of the later generations, however, are buried at Hebe and other churches in the surrounding townships. Michael Schaffer was married three times: His first wife, Rosanna Witmer, who died April 24, 1836, bore him children as follows: Jacob, Michael, Joseph, Samuel and Daniel. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Wert, he had three children: Philip, Elizabeth (married Joseph Seiler) and Susanna (married William Deppen). By the third wife, Susanna Reed, there were no children. (Another account says Elizabeth was born to the first marriage and Daniel to the second.) All of Mr. Michael Schaffer's family lived in the Mahantango Valley.

Jacob C. Schaffer, grandfather of Elias Z. Schaffer, a farmer and lumber merchant of Jordan township, was born Feb. 23, 1793, in Lower Mahanoy township, near Pillow, and died at Georgetown (Dalmatia) in 1832. He was a cooper by trade, but also farmed and dealt in lumber, being an active and enterprising man and successful in his undertakings. To him and his wife, Lydia (Lahr), were born the following children: William L., Elizabeth (married Simon Lenker) and Sarah (married George Seiler).

William L. Schaffer, son of Jacob C. Schaffer, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed all his life, dying in 1906. He is buried at St. Paul's Church, at Urban, and was a Lutheran member of that church. He was a man of medium size, a shoemaker by trade, which he followed until his retirement, and also farmed, owning a tract of twenty-five acres which he cultivated industriously and profitably. He served as supervisor of his township and held other public positions, being identified with official affairs in his locality for many years. On April 30, 1857, he married, at Lykens Valley, Catharine Zerbe, daughter of Joseph Zerbe, of Lower Mahanoy, and she survives him, now making her home at Mount Carmel. She is now (1910) sixty-nine years of age. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Schaffer, three of whom died young, the others being: Mary, who married Thomas Hunsicker and (second) James McArdle; Sarah,

who married George Blanche; Elias Z.; Rebecca, who married Jonas Zerbe; and Jacob, of Jordan township.

ELIAS Z. SHAFFER, farmer and lumber merchant of Jordan township, Northumberland county, was born Aug. 14, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of William L. Schaffer. He was reared and educated in his native locality, receiving a practical common school training, and in 1882 began farming independently in Jordan township, where he was a tenant for the following ten years. At the end of that period he purchased the place where he has since resided, having 167 acres which he has cultivated successfully. It was formerly the homestead of John Daniel, who owned it for many years, and before whose day one Rubendall was the owner. He owns also a small tract of farm land in Jordan township, on which there is a house, and which he rents. Since 1900 Mr. Schaffer has also been interested in lumbering, in which line he has made good by strict attention to business and good judgment in both the acquisition of desirable holdings and the handling of his product. He has seventy-six acres of timberland in his home township (besides his farm properties); eighty acres of timberland in Schuylkill county, and fifty-four acres in Dauphin county. He has employed as many as twenty men in his lumbering operations, and ships most of his lumber into the coal regions of this State. A self-made man in the most creditable sense of that term, he is not only known as a successful farmer and business man but also one of the influential public citizens of his district, having served as supervisor and being at present a member of the school board of his township, though he is a Republican in a Democratic community. He is Republican committeeman of Jordan township.

On Aug. 13, 1880, Mr. Schaffer married Sarah E. Host, who was born Aug. 14, 1862 (on the same day as her husband), daughter of George S. and Rebecca (Dockey) Host, and died March 13, 1910. She is buried at Urban. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer became the parents of six children: Foster, of Urban, who married Minnie Wentzel; George, who resides at home; Carrie M., wife of Charles Klock; John Jacob, Mary C. and Elias A., all at home. Mr. Schaffer and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church at Urban, in whose work he has been very active, having served as deacon for six years and as elder eight years.

We have the following record of the sons of Michael Schaffer, son of Jacob Conrad and grandson of Frantz, the emigrant.

Michael was a farmer near Stone Valley Church, his farm there being still owned by his estate. To him and his wife Rebecca (Bohner) were born children: Henry, Levi, Michael, Benjamin, Sarah and Lydia.





Joseph was also a farmer, and lived near Vera Cruz, where he is buried. He was twice married, and had an only son, George, who died when young.

Daniel lived in Jordan township, where he was a shoemaker and owned a small farm. He is buried at Hebe. His wife was Polly Bohner, and among their children were Sarah, Sevilla and Emma. (There is a Daniel W. Shaffer buried at Hebe, who died July 18, 1905, aged seventy-eight years, four months, twenty days. "Frany," his wife, died Aug. 16, 1906, aged sixty-one years, two months, twenty-three days.)

Philip was a carpenter and lived and died at Millersburg, Pa. He was married twice and had children.

Samuel was a native of Lower Mahanoy township, where he also died, but he passed the greater part of his life in Jordan township, whither he came when fifteen years old. He owned a small farm. His wife, Elizabeth (Rubendall), died before him, and is buried at Uniontown, his grave being at Stone Valley Church. He was a Republican, served as supervisor of Jordan township, and was active in church, holding many offices, deacon, elder, trustee, etc. To him and his wife were born ten children, viz.: Sarah, Michael, Frank, Elizabeth, Catharine, Malinda, Emma, Samuel, Isaac, and a daughter that died young. Of this family

Samuel Schaffer, born Aug. 29, 1843, settled in Lower Mahanoy in 1888, and has since lived there, on a tract of twenty-two acres. He is a Republican, and has held the offices of constable and school director. In about 1870 he married Jestina Bohner, daughter of Nicholas Bohner, and they have had ten children: A son that died in infancy, Ida, Harvey, Emma, Sevilla, Kate, Maud, Daniel, Edwin and Annie.

✓Wilhelm Schäffer, younger son of Frantz, the emigrant, was born in the Fatherland May 28, 1764, and died March 29, 1835, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He and his wife Sarah (Witmer) are buried at the Stone Valley Church. She was born Aug. 24, 1767, daughter of Christophel and Christina Witmer, and died on her eighty-fifth birthday, in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer were farming people, living upon and owning the tract which now belongs to Monroe Kiehl. Their children were: John, Jacob, George, William, Daniel, Sarah (married Jacob Carl) and Catharine (married Heinrich Lentz). Of this family, John, Jacob and George are more fully mentioned below. — William (son of Wilhelm) married a Lenker and had children: William, Isaac (who lived near Vera Cruz), Sarah, Polly (Mrs. Josiah Schwartz) and Elizabeth (who first married a Lahr and later became the wife of Reuben Lauer). Daniel married Sarah Dopse and their children were: Moses, Harry, David,

Mary (married Aaron Seiler) and Polly (who married Joseph Lauer).

John Schaffer, son of Wilhelm, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township. He married Christina Lenker, who lived to be nearly ninety-three years old, and they are buried at the Stone Valley Church. Their children, all born near Byerly's hotel, were as follows: John (married Jane Mantilles), Josiah, David (who died aged nineteen years), Catharine (married Frederick Kissling), Sarah (married Samuel Byerly) and Anna (married Abraham Troutman).

Josiah Schaffer, son of John, was born Nov. 12, 1827, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he also died. From 1860 he lived on the farm where his death occurred Oct. 24, 1909, the result of a fall from a second story window; he was ill at the time. During his active years he followed farming, and he was a well known citizen of his locality, having served as deacon, elder and trustee of the Stone Valley Church, where he is buried. In 1857 he married Harriet Otto, daughter of John and Rebecca (Grow) Otto, and she survives him. They became the parents of four children: Washington, now of Lykens, Pa.; Lillie R.; C. Anna; and Landis J., of Sunbury.

Jacob Schaffer, son of Wilhelm, lived at Hickory Corners. He had children: Elizabeth, Sallie (Mrs. Isaac Deppen), Magdalena (Mrs. James Finkbone), Catharine, William, Susanna (Mrs. William Reed), Abraham and Solomon. Mrs. William Reed, who lives somewhere in Dakota, is now the only survivor of this family.

Solomon Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy Dec. 29, 1821, and died July 14, 1891, in his seventieth year. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church. He was a stonemason, and followed his trade at Hickory Corners, where he lived for a number of years, thence moving to Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he owned a place of 100 acres which he farmed for six years. At the end of that time he sold the farm for \$11,000, at a profit of \$1,000, and it is now owned by Charles Phillips. Moving back into the Mahanoy Valley, he passed the remainder of his life on the Wert farm, where he died. He was an influential man in the community in his day, serving as school director, overseer of the poor, etc., and was prominent in church work even in his old age, serving as deacon, elder, etc., at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Susanna (Hepner), daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Lenker) Hepner, was born Aug. 26, 1832, and died Oct. 19, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Schaffer were born the following children: Daniel C., twin sons who died in infancy, Sarah E., William H. (deceased), Peter M., Jacob H., Mary Magdalena, Emma J., Solomon G. and Jonathan D.





JACOB H. SCHAEFFER, son of Solomon, is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was born, at Hickory Corners, Dec. 12, 1858. He was reared to farming, and continued to work for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then left home to work in the lumber district, where he was engaged in assorting lumber, at Williamsport, for six years, during which time he was associated with F. H. Seaman, with whom he worked daily while away from home. Returning to his native place, he labored for several years before he bought his farm of 100 acres, which was originally a Wertz homestead, later owned by the Lenker family and afterward by a Campbell. The present barn on the property was built by John Wertz in 1857. Mr. Schaffer is an industrious, prosperous and much esteemed citizen of his township, which he served as supervisor in 1893 and as school director, being also secretary of the board. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Stone Valley Church, where he is a well known worker, being at present a trustee of his congregation; he was formerly a deacon.

In 1882 Mr. Schaffer married Amelia Fetterolf, and to them was born one son, Charles F. Mrs. Schaffer died May 14, 1900, aged thirty-nine years. On Oct. 3, 1903, Mr. Schaffer married (second) Miranda Stepp, who died Oct. 5, 1905, and on Oct. 19, 1907, Mr. Schaffer married Sarah Jane Schlegel, daughter of Abraham Schlegel.

CHARLES F. SCHAEFFER, only child of Jacob H. Schaffer, was born Dec. 10, 1883, in Lower Mahanoy township, and from the time he was two years old lived in the home of his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Fetterolf. He is now engaged in farming his grandfather's farm, which is near his father's property. He is an industrious and enterprising young man, and has a promising outlook. The affairs of his locality have always possessed great interest for him, and in 1907 he was elected assessor of Lower Mahanoy township, serving three years in that office. Since 1907 he has been superintendent of the Hastings Union Sunday school, and he is a past master of Stone Valley Grange, No. 1367, P. of H.

On March 6, 1909, Mr. Schaffer married Annie M. Lenker, and they have one son, Raymond.

George Schaffer, grandfather of George Elmer Shaffer, proprietor of the stockyards and of the "National Hotel" at Urban, was born Sept. 4, 1805, son of Wilhelm and grandson of Frantz. He died Dec. 8, 1891. He followed farming, living in what is now Jordan (then Mahanoy) township. His wife, Sarah (Ressler), bore him children as follows: Susan, Mrs. Lantz; Sarah, Mrs. Isaac Lenker; Catharine, Mrs. Georg Breinighaus; Elias, and Joel.

Elias Schaffer, son of George, was born Oct. 29,

1831, in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township, on the farm now owned by Henry Raup, and died Oct. 3, 1901, at Urban, where he conducted the hotel for many years, becoming one of the best known men in that line in the lower end of Northumberland county. Earlier in life he followed farming, to which vocation he was reared, and he also drove cattle, during the Civil war making considerable money in this business, handling many head of cattle and mules. For a number of years he was one of the leaders of the Democratic party in the lower end of the county, served as school director and supervisor of his township, and as mercantile appraiser of the county, was also active in church and Sunday school work, and served many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, in his later years, when too old for the responsibilities of that position, continuing to be a regular attendant at Sunday school services. His wife, Elizabeth (Schwartz), survives him, and though she has almost attained the three score and ten mark she is fairly well preserved. The following children were born to this worthy couple: Lizzie, Mrs. A. M. Snyder; D. Richard, of Herndon, Pa.; Sarah J., Mrs. George Baum; Laura, who died young; and George Elmer.

GEORGE ELMER SHAEFFER was born Jan. 30, 1867, in Jordan township, and obtained his education in the public schools of the home district. When fifteen years old he commenced selling farm implements, and in 1883 he began to sell fertilizers, etc., being one of the first in his section to engage in that line. He was only seventeen when he began to deal in cattle, and he has been interested in this line ever since, being now the proprietor of the Urban stockyards, which he established in 1895. He handles many hundred head of stock annually, having disposed of as many as thirty-five carloads in a single season, and he conducts a number of sales every fall, supplying the farmers in the neighboring territory with "shots" and hogs, and he sells many fat hogs to butchers. He commenced buying and selling hogs in 1896, and has handled many hundreds every year since. He also sells from four to six carloads of range horses annually, and deals largely in poultry; in the fall of 1909 he had 225 geese on hand at one time, besides many ducks. Mr. Shaffer's extensive business has been founded upon his reputation for square dealing, for which he is trusted by all who have had transactions of any kind with him. He has visited a number of States in the Union in the interest of his cattle business, and in one season made five trips West to buy stock. In 1906 he became proprietor of the "National Hotel" at Urban, which he has since conducted in connection with his other business, making a success of that as he has of all his other undertakings. He has made a number of improvements on the property, inside and outside, since it came into his possession. In



partnership with A. M. Snyder he owns a farm of thirty-five acres at Urban, and he has several lots near Pittsburg, Pa. There are no more highly respected people in the locality than Mr. Shaffer and his family, who are known for their intelligence and progressive spirit, their usefulness in the community and their encouragement of the best institutions in modern existence.

On Feb. 28, 1896, Mr. Shaffer married Aletta C. Heckert, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Ressler) Heckert, of Lower Mahanoy township, though Mrs. Shaffer was born in Illinois. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, Nelson R. and Nevin E. Mr. Shaffer and his family worship at the Urban Church, he being a member of the Lutheran congregation, while his wife belongs to the Reformed congregation. He served four years as deacon. In politics he is a Democrat, with independent inclinations.

John Heckert, Mrs. Shaffer's great-grandfather, was one of the pioneer settlers in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, his name appearing in the list of taxables of what was then Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, in 1778. It is said he was a farmer and had a number of children. The Heckert family was at one time numerous in Lower Mahanoy and a number of representatives of the name still reside there. Several generations of Heckerts are buried at Zion's Church in Stone Valley. Among the children of John Heckert were sons Friederich and Philip, the latter being Mrs. Shaffer's grandfather. Friederich, born Nov. 29, 1788, died Aug. 17, 1858; his wife, Maria, born March 24, 1792, died April 3, 1870.

Philip Heckert, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy Dec. 9, 1796, and had a large farm there, near County Line. He died March 27, 1872, and his wife Anna Mary (Wert), born March 2, 1805, died Jan. 16, 1888, aged eighty-two years, ten months, fourteen days. They are buried at Stone Valley Church. They had a large family, viz.: Daniel, Susan, Michael, Philip, Mary, Casper (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Emanuel, Henry (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Catharine, Andrew W., Uriah (who served in the Civil war) and Rachel.

Andrew W. Heckert, son of Philip, was born near County Line, in Lower Mahanoy township, and died at Dalmatia, Pa., where he and his family had lived since 1873. Before his marriage he went out to Forrester, Ogle Co., Ill., where he learned the carpenter's trade, but after he had resided there a number of years he returned to his native place for a wife, marrying Mary Ressler, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Haas) Ressler, of Lower Mahanoy. He returned West with his bride and they lived in Illinois until after the birth of their six children, coming back to Pennsylvania in 1873 and settling in Lower Mahanoy.

The children were as follows: Aletta C.; Mary M., Mrs. Frank Bordner, of Nebraska; Susan E., unmarried; Carrie M., Mrs. Joseph Reitz, of Shamokin, this county; Ida R., Mrs. William Dreibelbies, of Lower Mahanoy; and William N., who died in infancy.

D. RICHARD SHAFFER, son of Elias, was born June 21, 1859, in Jordan township, and when fifteen years old commenced to learn cigar-making, which trade he has followed ever since. About 1890 he moved to Herndon, where he still makes his home, and he was postmaster at that place during Cleveland's second administration. He is a Democrat, and has served the borough as tax collector since 1902. In 1885 he married Emma, daughter of Samuel Lebo, of Pillow, Pa. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are Lutherans in religious connection.

Daniel Shaffer, grandfather of Aaron Shaffer, superintendent of the Trevorton Coal Land Company, at Dunkelbergers, in Little Mahanoy township, lived near Stone Valley Church, his property being the farm now owned by Frank Radel. He had about forty acres, and followed farming as well as his trade, shoemaking. His wife died long before him. They had three children: Isaac, Catharine (married Solomon Radel) and Henry H.

Henry H. Shaffer, son of Daniel, is one of the oldest residents of Lower Mahanoy township, where he was born April 23, 1833. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed some years, later engaging in farming and limeburning. For about half a year he was out West, where he married Rebecca Dietrich, who was born in the West April 5, 1847, daughter of Florin and Sophia (Haupt) Dietrich. Eighteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, six of whom died young, the others being: Rebecca, who died unmarried; Daniel, who was killed on the coal banks in 1887; Lucinda, who died young; Sarah Ellen, who married Charles Wertz; Charles, of Uniontown, Pa.; Aaron; William, who died when twelve years old; Kate, wife of James Wentzel; James M., of Lower Augusta township, this county; Ira, who died young; Tama, wife of Jacob Hepner; and Ida S. (deceased), who was the wife of Cloyd Massner.

AARON SHAFFER, son of Henry H., was born March 31, 1874, at Georgetown, and until he was twenty-two years old lived with his grandfather, Daniel Shaffer. His education was received in the public schools, and when twenty years old he learned the trade of stonemason, which he has continued to follow off and on ever since, working for his neighbors principally. Farming has, however, been his principal vocation. He began for himself in 1900, at Hickory Corners, where he had ninety acres which he farmed four and a half years. During two years of this time he also conducted a dairy business, running a milk team daily





to Hickory Corners and Dalmatia. In the spring of 1905 he disposed of his farm stock by sale and went West to Arkansas, Indian Territory and Kansas, he and J. S. Dreibelbies purchasing a load of horses in Kansas and shipping them to Georgetown; they were sold at public vendue at Hickory Corners. After that Mr. Shaffer did railroad work, being employed on the Shamokin branch of the Reading road for about two years, and on April 1, 1907, he took his present position, being superintendent of the Trevorton Coal Land Company's farm of 100 acres at Dunkelbergers. He is perfectly capable of filling all the requirements of this responsibility, and has been a faithful and efficient worker, gaining the respect of all his associates.

In September, 1894, Mr. Shaffer married Ada Shaffer, daughter of Zwingle A. Shaffer and his wife Sarah (Dottery), and five children have been born to them: Tessie, Herma, Ernest (who died when three years old), Curtis and Molly. Mr. Shaffer and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Church, Stone Valley, and he served four years as deacon of the congregation. Politically he is a Republican.

Adam (or John Adam) Dietrich, Mr. Shaffer's great-grandfather on the maternal side, was a pioneer in the Mahantango Valley in Northumberland county, where he took up a large tract of land by warrant from the Commonwealth and followed farming. He was the first to settle on what is now the farm of the aged Elias Bingaman, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there he died about 1830; he is buried at Stone Valley Church. His children were too young to do such heavy work as plowing when he died, and his wife performed the work herself until they were old enough to help. Where this pioneer was born is not known. According to family tradition he was a Catholic, but William J. Dietrich, secretary of the Deitrich Family Association, questions this. His wife, whose maiden name was Shaffer, died in 1848. They had children as follows: Solomon, who settled in Iowa, where he died; Simon, who lived and died at Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Leonard, an invalid, who died unmarried and is buried at the Stone Valley Church; Michael, who lived in Northumberland county and is buried at Stone Valley Church (he married and had children); Florin; and Eve, who moved away from the county when a young woman, and who married well.

Florin Dietrich, son of Adam, was born in Lower Mahanoy township. He lived on what is now the Elias Bingaman farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits for some years, until the forties, when he sold out and moved to Fulton county, Ind. He owned a large tract of land there which he sold after some years, moving into the town of Kewanna, Fulton county, where he died in 1866. He is buried there. His wife, Sophia (Haupt),

was from the vicinity of Mahanoy Church, Northumberland county, and died about 1865, at the age of about seventy-five. The following children were born to this couple: Solomon, who died in Indiana; Conrad; John, who died in Indiana, unmarried; Elias, who went to serve in the Civil war and died while on his way home at the close of his service; Salome, wife of Jacob Stepp; Catharine, wife of George Snyder; Susan, wife of Richard Sudden; Polly, wife of Andrew Jackson, of Indiana; Annie, wife of Isaac Kneiss, of Northumberland county (he is deceased); Mary, wife of Samuel Hutkins; and Rebecca, who married Henry H. Shaffer.

AUGUSTUS F. WAGNER, late of Shamokin, was a native of Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, born Jan. 11, 1849. His father, Samuel Wagner, was a tailor, and followed his trade in Little Mahanoy township, where he also owned a small farm. He died there, and is buried at Hunter station, in that township, as is also his wife, Catharine (Ferster). They were the parents of a large family, viz.: Harry; Moses; Levi; Isaac; George; Durella; Augustus F.; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Fees; Juda, wife of Jacob Goss; Annie, wife of Benjamin Zortman; Mary, wife of Henry Durk.

Augustus F. Wagner was reared in his native township, and in his young manhood learned milling, which trade he followed for three years. In 1873 he came to Shamokin, where for about a year he was engaged at day labor, his next work being at the coal breakers, where he was employed for six years. After that he was a miner at the Burnside colliery until, on Dec. 22, 1889, he met with the accident which caused his death a few weeks later, Jan. 8, 1890. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Wagner was a good husband and father, an industrious and reliable workman, and had the respect of all who knew him. He was a member of the Reformed Church and of the Sunday school, and socially united with Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A. In politics he was a Republican.

On April 4, 1870, Mr. Wagner married Laenda Ferster, daughter of Peter and Mary (Swenhart) Ferster, of Little Mahanoy township, and she survives him, living in the old home at No. 139 South Third street, Shamokin, where they first settled on coming to the borough. Eight children were born to their union: Katie died young; Charles E. died young; Samuel A., who holds a position in the hosiery mills at Shamokin, married Mabel Metz, daughter of Jonas H. Metz, and they have five children, Clarence A., Charles T., Sarah L., David H. and Mildred Frances; John J. died young; William L., of Collinsville, Pa., married Annie Kiehl, and their children are Margaret, William M., Edgar A. and Robert; Prof. Thomas J. is a graduate





of the Shamokin high school and of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, class of 1910; Clarence A., of St. Clair, Pa., in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, married Frances Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre; George W. died young.

**WIEST.** The Wiest family of the southern section of Northumberland county had its origin in Berks county, Pa., where one Jacob Wiest settled about 1758, in Oley township. The following year (1759), when the first tax was collected, he paid a federal tax of four pounds sterling, \$10.64 (the Pennsylvania pound being reckoned at \$2.66). In 1759 his son Jacob, Jr. was assessed among the "single men."

According to tradition the Jacob Wiest (1775-1811) who founded the family in Northumberland county—settling in that section of Mahanoy township now embraced in Jordan township—was in the third generation from (that is, a grandson of) the Jacob who settled in Oley township in 1758 and the third in direct line to bear the name of Jacob, which has always been a favorite family name, there being a fourth and fifth Jacob in this line. The family has become a numerous one in Northumberland county and its representatives are found in various vocations.

Jacob Wiest, born Jan. 5, 1775, in Oley township, Berks county, died Aug. 14, 1811. He came to Northumberland county with his family from Yellow House, Berks county. He married Barbara Fick, born Jan. 29, 1774, who long survived him, dying Sept. 11, 1855. She married for her second husband Michael Sallende. To Jacob and Barbara (Fick) Wiest were born six children: (1) John is mentioned below. (2) Samuel, born Aug. 21, 1795, died Jan. 3, 1867. He was a butcher by occupation. He married Eve Klinger, born Jan. 16, 1794, died Jan. 18, 1870, and they had children as follows: John (known as "Oley John") married Lucy Beisel, was a farmer and lived in Jordan township (he went to California to hunt for gold); Jacob K. is mentioned below; Hannah married Isaac Rothermel; Jestina (1828-1872) married William W. Shartle; Polly married Peter Rebeck; Catharine married Samuel Clark; Barbara married Daniel Snyder. (3) Jacob is mentioned below. (4) Daniel, who lived at Sacramento, Pa., had children: George, Edward, John and Philip. (5) Mary married Joseph Tobias. (6) Catharine married Peter Klinger.

John Wiest, son of Jacob, was born at Klingers-town Feb. 14, 1794, and died Oct. 10, 1881. He was a very substantial business man and became one of the leading citizens of his section, being a merchant at Klingerstown for many years. He married Catharine Merkel (born Feb. 26, 1795, died May 2, 1858) and they had children as follows: Moses, Daniel, Samuel, Tobias M., Jacob, Hannah (married William Deibert), Barbara

(married David Klinger), Sarah (married William Strohecker), Polly (married George Shartle) and Mrs. Harry Hoffa.

Tobias M. Wiest, son of John and grandson of Jacob, was born March 3, 1829, at Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, and was engaged as a merchant there throughout his active life, succeeding his father in the business. He also conducted a general store at Gratz, Dauphin county, owned land in that village, and also owned several farms. He served as postmaster at Klingerstown, and, all in all, was a man of prominence and considerable influence in his day. He died April 25, 1885, and is buried at Klingers Church, where many members of this family are interred. Tobias M. Wiest was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Baum, bore him three children: Preston, who is a resident of Harrisburg; Victor, of Klingerstown; and Emma, married to John Connors, a retired resident of Venango county, Pa. His second marriage was to Mary Trautman, who survives him, now making her home with her only child, Carlos.

CARLOS WIEST, owner and proprietor of the "Hotel Wiest," the leading hotel of Herndon, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 2, 1874, at Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, son of Tobias M. and Mary (Trautman) Wiest. He was reared at his native place, and at an early age began to assist his father as clerk in the general store. He was quite young, however, when his father died. In 1896 he purchased what was then known as the "Union House" at Herndon, and he still carries on the business, though the hotel is now known as the "Hotel Wiest." The property has been greatly improved during Mr. Wiest's ownership, and he has also enlarged the hotel, which is now one of the leading hostleries in the Susquehanna valley. There are twenty-two rooms, provided with steam heat and every modern convenience, and in connection with the hotel Mr. Wiest carries on a first-class livery establishment.

Mr. Wiest is well known among the fraternities, belonging to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Herndon and to various Masonic bodies—Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, the Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He lives with his mother.

Jacob Wiest, third son of the Jacob Wiest who founded the family in Northumberland county, was born at Uniontown June 11, 1797, and died March 5, 1857. He removed to Uniontown from Klingerstown after his marriage, and became one of the most substantial and prominent citizens of that region. At the time of his death his estate was valued at \$36,000—a large fortune for the time and place. He owned fully three hundred acres of land, for many years operated the grist-



mill now owned by Mr. Bohner, in Uniontown Gap operated a linseed oil mill and also had an old-style sawmill about three hundred yards south of the oil mill. He built a barn near the present mill. He helped to build the Uniontown Lutheran and Reformed Church and was one of its leading members, serving many years as an elder. He married Mary Tobias, born Jan. 28, 1796, daughter of Jonas Tobias, and she died June 23, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest are buried in the Uniontown cemetery at Pillow. Their children were: Harry, Jacob (mentioned below), Rev. George, Mary (married John Bingeman), Elias (mentioned below), John (called "Philadelphia John"), William, Elizabeth (married Dr. Isaiah Schminkey) and Daniel (of Temple, or Yellow House, Berks county).

Jacob Wiest, son of Jacob and Mary (Tobias) Wiest, was born at Uniontown, where he was a merchant for many years, later engaging in business, in the same line, at Selinsgrove, and afterward at McKees Half Falls, where he met an accidental death Dec. 27, 1871, when he was fifty-one years old. His first wife, Susanna (Bordner), was a daughter of Peter Bordner, of Berrysburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest are buried at Uniontown. The children of this marriage were: Mary Jane, who married William M. Boyer; James M.; and William, who was killed March 17, 1865, when twenty years old, near Fayetteville, N. C. Jacob Wiest married for his second wife Catharine Lark, by whom he had three children, all of whom died small. His third marriage was to Sarah Nace, and to them were born five children: Rev. Edward (of York, Pa.), Cora, Frederick, Jonathan (who died in infancy) and Jacob (who died aged seventeen years).

JAMES M. WIEST, son of Jacob and Susanna Wiest, was born in Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 25, 1843. His early education was received in the local public schools, and later he attended Union Seminary, at New Berlin, in 1856-57, and for one term was a pupil at the Freeburg Academy. When a mere child he began clerking in his father's store, and he also clerked in the store of his uncle Elias, at Hickory Corners, with whom he lived for a number of years, he having been but two years old when his mother died. When less than eighteen years old, Oct. 16, 1861, he enlisted for three years' service in the Civil war. At the end of fourteen months he fell ill of typhoid fever and had to return home, remaining with his father one winter. On Christmas Day, 1862, his uncle Elias lost all his buildings at Hickory Corners by fire, the calamity being a very grievous one for him. Mr. Wiest then rejoined his uncle, with whom he continued for two years. During the winter of 1864 he assisted his father in butchering and in December, 1864, he was married. In the spring of 1865 he moved to Selinsgrove, where he worked for six years in a

store of which his father was part owner. In 1871 he moved with his father to McKees Half Falls, where he worked in the store for one year. It was on Dec. 27, 1871, that his father met his death, a log rolling on him, and after that James M. Wiest and his brother-in-law, William M. Boyer, continued the business for a while, Mr. Boyer eventually buying out the business, which he moved farther up the river. In 1872 Mr. Wiest began boating on the Susquehanna canal, following that business for seven years. For the next two years he was a clerk in Bickel's store, at Georgetown, and then moved to Vera Cruz (Malta), where he operated a store for the Farmers' Alliance for a period of four years. Returning to the employ of his uncle Elias, at Hickory Corners, he worked for him another three years, at the end of which time he moved to Shamokin, taking a position as clerk etc. with R. S. Aucker, looking after his real estate and rents for eighteen years. In the spring of 1907 he located at Dalmatia, where he had a desirable home on the principal street, and there he has since lived, enjoying all the comforts of his life in his retirement. He owns twenty-nine acres of land near the town and rents it out on shares. He served as constable of Lower Mahanoy township, and has been always classed among the useful, intelligent citizens of his community, held in high esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Reformed denomination, he and his family belonging to the Reformed congregation at the Dalmatia Church.

On Dec. 11, 1864, Mr. Wiest married Elmira Wald, daughter of David and Rebecca (Fegley) Wald, of Montgomery county, Pa., and granddaughter of Solomon and Christine (Underkoffler) Wald; Mrs. Solomon Wald died March 3, 1871, just a few days before completing her ninetieth year. Five children were born to David and Rebecca Wald, namely: William, Elmira, Joshua, Lizzie and David. Mr. Wald by his first wife, whose maiden name was Harner, had one son, Augustus, who died at Herndon and is buried at Dalmatia; he left two children, Clara and Annie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiest had seven children: (1) Wilmer W., a railroader, died aged forty-five years and is buried at Shamokin. He left a wife, Ellen (Spotts), and one daughter, Clara. (2) Charles H. is mentioned below. (3) John Augustus died aged seventeen years and is buried at Dalmatia. (4) Benton E., a carpenter, lives at Shamokin. He married Katie Kulp and they have children, Catharine and Allen. (5) Mary E. married Milton E. Keeler, who is purchasing agent for the Kingston Coal Company, and their home is at Kingston, Pa. They have one child, Frances Ruth. (6) Selin M., baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Shamokin, lives in that borough. He is unmarried. (7) Annie L. married





Thomas Spears, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and they live at Shamokin. They have had two children, Elmira and Vivian, twins.

Charles H. Wiest, son of James M. Wiest, was born July 29, 1867, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He received his education in the public schools. After working on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township for five years he began learning the carpenter's trade at the age of twenty, and that has since been his vocation. For some years he worked in Shamokin and Philadelphia, in 1907 locating in Sunbury and becoming a member of the contracting firm of C. H. Brosius & Co., contractors and builders. There was another member of the firm, F. R. Yeager, who withdrew one year after the organization of the firm. C. H. Brosius & Co. enjoy a fine reputation for high-grade work, and as the work demands employ as many as forty-five men. Among the buildings of their construction are the W. A. Shipman residence on Market street; the Sunbury *Daily* printing office; the No. 3 Lythia Springs school building in Point township, where they also remodeled the No. 2 building; the Catawissa avenue M. E. Church, which they erected in 1910; and many other business buildings, residences and schoolhouses. Mr. Wiest is a member of Local No. 37, Carpenters' & Joiners' Union, of Shamokin, and socially belongs to Shamokin Camp, No. 72, Sons of Veterans, and Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., of Shamokin. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. In 1893 he married Ida Witmer, daughter of Ephraim Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have had four children: Stella May, Alvin Monroe, Madeline Elmira and a son that died in infancy.

Elias Wiest, son of Jacob and Mary (Tobias) Wiest, was born May 8, 1825, in Uniontown, Pa., and died July 29, 1890. He lived at Hickory Corners, where he conducted the store, hotel and farm, his establishment being the nucleus in which all the life of the place centered. He built up this village during the forties, and it thrived until on Christmas Day, 1862, the store, hotel, a private dwelling, sheds, etc., were destroyed by fire, the loss being very heavy. Mr. Wiest at once undertook the rebuilding of the place, which to this day has continued to be a business center. He was a thorough business man, influential because of his high character as much as on account of his success, and though the Baker silver mine affair, in Colorado, caused him heavy financial loss through the assistance he gave to others, he was a leading man in his community to the end of his days. He was in active business pursuits until his death. He ran a huckster team to Pottsville, hauling considerable produce to that city. As a branch of his establishment at Hickory Corners he owned and

operated the store at Vera Cruz. He owned a farm at Hickory Corners, now the property of his son-in-law, Jonathan Spotts, and in the same neighborhood had another tract, of thirty-eight acres. He was the first postmaster at Hickory Corners, and was retained in that office until his death. In one winter he killed one thousand sheep, which he sold at Pottsville, besides many hogs and cattle. For business enterprise he held the records in his vicinity. Though a busy man he found time for activity in the work of the local church, he and his family being Reformed members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, where he took particular interest in the Sunday school, being a teacher for many years and superintendent for some years. His wife, Catharine (Bingaman), born April 15, 1828, daughter of Adam Bingaman, survived him, dying Aug. 18, 1899. They had a family of six children: Emma J., who is the widow of Aaron Mattis; John, deceased; Mary, wife of D. J. Keen; Frederick M.; Jacob A., deceased; and Henrietta, wife of Jonathan Spotts.

Frederick M. Wiest, son of Elias, was born Jan. 7, 1854, at Hickory Corners, where he spent his youth and received his education. For a time he was employed in sawmills in Lycoming county and then in the lumber regions of Lycoming and Potter counties, still later being at Peale, where he drove a mercantile team for the McEntire Coal Company. In 1887 he returned to Hickory Corners, where he lived until 1889. That year he moved to his present home, owning a tract of ninety-five acres in Lower Mahanoy township which was formerly the Dohney homestead and later owned by Jacob Peifer, who sold it to William Bingaman (uncle of Frederick M. Wiest); he sold it to Levi Kauffman, from whom Mr. Wiest acquired it. He has made many improvements upon the place, changing the buildings, fertilizing the ground, and in many ways adding to the value of the property, which bears evidence of his thrifty care and management. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has held various local offices.

In July, 1876, Mr. Wiest married Sarah Spotts, daughter of Michael Spotts, and they have had nine children: William H., now of Millersburg, Pa.; Mary E., wife of John Witmer; Frederick M., of Hampton Roads, Va.; George, of Millersburg, Pa.; Daniel W.; Michael A.; John E.; Laura C., and Sarah E. Mr. Wiest and his family belong to the Reformed congregation at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church.

Jacob A. Wiest, son of Elias, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and became a traveling salesman for Miller, Bain, Beyer & Co., wholesale dry goods and notion dealers, of Market and Filbert streets, Philadelphia. He was thus engaged for about twenty-eight years, his territory being in central Pennsylvania and including the counties of Schuylkill, Dauphin, Northumberland, Center,





Snyder, Perry and Juniata. He had a fine farm of seventy-seven acres in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, upon which he made his home for four years, only superintending its cultivation, which his son Harry looked after. For thirteen years his home was at Dalmatia, whence he removed to Millersburg, where he had resided about five years at the time of his death. He died while undergoing an operation at Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1905, at the age of forty-nine years, nine months, twelve days, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Wiest was an active member of and worker in the Reformed Church, and just before his death had been instrumental in having the Millersburg Reformed Church frescoed; one of his last acts was to collect the money to pay the expense of frescoing. He was always a liberal contributor to the support of churches and religious enterprises. Mr. Wiest is survived by his wife, Mary J. (Snyder), daughter of Jacob and Polly (Messner) Snyder, and she makes her home at Millersburg. They had one child, Harry, who was born Sept. 30, 1876, at Bridgeport, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Harry Wiest received his early education in the public schools, attending at Dalmatia and Millersburg and later taking a course in the business college at Collegeville, Pa. In the spring of 1895 he began farming, and he has been working on his own account since 1899, his place showing the results of good management and intelligent cultivation. It is a very desirable property, lying along the north side of the Mahantango creek. It was once the David Lantz homestead. Mr. Wiest is a progressive and industrious farmer, and he is obtaining excellent results from his work. In 1898 he married Annie M. Ossman, daughter of Andrew and Sallie (Negley) Ossman, of the Lykens Valley, and they have one child, John Elias. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Reformed Church; Mr. Wiest was a Sunday school teacher for some years, and served for a time as superintendent of the Sunday school at Malta.

Jacob K. Wiest, son of Samuel and grandson of Jacob, was born Jan. 14, 1821, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and died April 20, 1877. He was a farmer in Jordan township, owning a tract of 120 acres, and during the winter time following butchering and selling meat. He was also engaged in droving, and in buying and selling cattle, to some extent. For eight years before his death he lived retired, making his home in Uniontown, where he owned a house and where he died. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Trautman), daughter of Peter Trautman (whose wife's name was Potteiger), are buried at Klingers Church; she was struck dead by lightning, while walking

through the kitchen. Their children were: Harry, John T., Amelia (married Reuben Shade), Frank, Samuel, E. T., Catharine (married Edward Witmer, of Allentown, Pa.), Monroe (of Allentown, Pa.), Jacob (deceased), Preston and William.

JOHN T. WIEST, son of Jacob K., has long been a substantial citizen of Jordan township, Northumberland county. His present home is at Hebe. He was born in the township Oct. 4, 1846, was reared on the farm, and worked for his parents until he attained his majority. For about five years following he worked at Klingerstown in the employ of Jacob M. and Tobias M. Wiest, merchants at that place, driving their huckster team to Pottsville as often as twice a week. From Klingerstown Mr. Wiest moved to Hebe, Northumberland county, where he lived for six years, engaged in cattle droving, and then settled on his father's farm of 120 acres near that place, which he bought. After a year's ownership of that property, however, he sold it at a profit to John Trautman, and moved to another place in Jordan township, which he bought, consisting of seventy acres near Uniontown. He cultivated this place for seventeen years, at the end of that time moving back to Hebe, where he owned a house and where he remained for three years before moving to the farm he has since occupied. This place is also close to Hebe, and consists of 125 acres, which he and his son Irwin owned for a time in partnership, Mr. Wiest finally purchasing his son's interest. This was at one time the Henry Bowman homestead. It is a fine piece of property, fertile and well located, and Mr. Wiest has cultivated it profitably for a number of years. He built the present barn on the place in the nineties. He is an industrious man and an excellent manager, and his fellow citizens have so approved of his integrity and ability that they have chosen him to serve in several public offices. He was treasurer of Jordan township for eight years, school director seven years and supervisor one year. He has also been prominent in church affairs as trustee and treasurer of the Hebe Church known as David's Church, of which he and his family are Reformed members. He has also served the church as deacon and elder, having been one of its prominent workers for years.

In 1867 Mr. Wiest married Catharine Heim, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Battorf) Heim, of Washington township, Northumberland county, born Feb. 24, 1848; Mrs. Wiest died Oct. 12, 1908, and is buried in the Wiest family plot at Hebe, where a fine monument marks her grave. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiest were born four children: Irwin H., mentioned below; Nolan H.; Catharine, who married Maurice Brosius and they are farming people in Jordan township (their children are Mabel, Carlos, Frederick, Harold and John); and John E., who died when four years, four months old.



IRWIN H. WIEST, son of John T., was born Oct. 21, 1868, in Jordan township, where he was reared to farming, working for his father until he was nineteen years old. He was married at that time, and then worked a year for his father-in-law, Simon Trautman, in the spring of 1890 commencing to farm on his own account, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he rented for a year. He then lived at Hebe for some years, and in the spring of 1907 moved onto his own place, 124 acres in Jordan township which was formerly the Henry Miller homestead. This farm lies along the road from Dalmatia to Klingerstown. Mr. Wiest is an intelligent and ambitious farmer, and is doing well.

On Feb. 25, 1888, Mr. Wiest married Elizabeth Trautman, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Schadel) Trautman, and they have had three children, Maud, Carrie (who died in her fifteenth year) and Nora. The family attend the Hebe Church, of which he is a Reformed member, Mrs. Wiest belonging to the Lutheran congregation. Mr. Wiest is a Democrat in political faith.

E. T. Wiest, son of Jacob K. Wiest, was born Feb. 18, 1854, and was reared upon the farm, working at home until he was grown. When quite young he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed at Pillow for fully twenty years, for some years being associated with his brother Frank in that business. They killed as many as twenty head of cattle weekly. Mr. E. T. Wiest then conducted the hotel at Uniontown (Pillow) for four years, after which he was at Dalmatia for one year, in the same line. He next engaged in the mercantile business at Wiconisco, in Dauphin county, where he remained two years. After living for several years at Pillow he again embarked in the hotel business, at Hickory Corners, where he has conducted the "Keystone Hotel" since 1907. Mr. Wiest is very well known, as he has a particularly fine reputation for the good table he sets, and Dr. Emerick's numerous patients usually patronize his table when they come to town.

On March 28, 1880, Mr. Wiest married Edith Musser, daughter of Henry and Annetta (Noblet) Musser, of Millersburg. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest have three children: Lizzie married Lane Reeser and they live at Wiconisco; Stella May is unmarried and lives at home; Edward H., born Sept. 18, 1889, married Beulah Harris, daughter of Walter and Lucy A. (Schaffer) Harris. Mr. Wiest and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Stone Valley Church. On political questions he is a Democrat.

LENTZ. Andrew Lentz, proprietor of the "Van Kirk House" at Northumberland, and John H. Lentz, farmer of Rockefeller township, are sons of the late John Lentz, of Rockefeller township, and grandsons of Jesse Lentz. The latter was a native of Dauphin county, living at Halifax,

that county, where he owned property and followed farming. Among his children were: Abbie, who married Jacob Harris (deceased), of Richfield, Juniata Co., Pa., and now lives with her daughter at Fremont, Pa.; Polly, who married Hiram Puntius (they live in Elkhart, Ind.); and John.

John Lentz, son of Jesse, was born in 1834 at Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was reared to farm work, which he followed all his life. He was married at Halifax and farmed there for some years before his removal to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, purchasing the farm in that township now owned by his son John H. Lentz. It comprises seventy-eight acres, upon which he built the present barn in the sixties, and there he farmed until his death, which occurred March 16, 1899. He is buried at the Cross Road Church, as it is popularly known, the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a member; he served in the church council. He was a progressive man, and interested in the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was treasurer. Politically he was a Republican.

Mr. Lentz married Louisa Shade, and they had children as follows: Julia died young; Senora married Lewis Hetrich; Andrew is mentioned below; Polly married William Eady, of Shamokin; Seville married George Eckman; David died young; John H. is mentioned below; Permelia married George Miller; Emma died young; Charles R. is a resident of Herndon, this county; Stella died young; Bessie married George Rebuck.

ANDREW LENTZ, son of John Lentz, was born Aug. 9, 1864, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, this county, and was there reared. He followed farming until twenty-five years old, after which for five years he was in Sunbury. Returning to his farm of 120 acres in Rockefeller township, he cultivated it for six years, at the end of that period going back to Sunbury, where he conducted a hotel, at the same time engaging in the lumber business. For six years he was thus occupied, in November, 1908, purchasing the stock, good will and fixtures of the "Van Kirk House," the leading hotel in Northumberland borough, from George Hancock. He has since carried on this hotel, which has thirty rooms, and the steady patronage—old and new—indicates that he has improved every opportunity and kept it up to standard. Mr. Lentz is an able business man and has shown considerable executive ability in the management of his affairs, for besides looking after his hotel business he conducts a farm of eighty-six acres which he owns, in Upper Augusta township, near Keefer's station, and he is engaged in trucking to some extent. He and his family are members of the Wolf's Cross Road Church in Rockefeller township, in which Mr. Lentz has been an active worker, and he contributed toward the erection of the church, in the welfare of which





he is deeply interested. He has been particularly concerned in the popularity and prosperity of the Sunday school. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 167, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, the Protected Home Circle and the Conclave, both also of Sunbury.

In December, 1889, Mr. Lentz married Laura Gonser, daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Houseworth) Gonser, of Snyderstown, Pa., and they have one child, Jesse E., who assists his father with his business affairs.

JOHN H. LENTZ, son of John Lentz, was born Feb. 10, 1872, in Rockefeller township, on the homestead where he has spent all but four months of his life. He was reared to farming, and in the spring of 1900 commenced on his own account, having purchased the place in September, 1899. It is a tract of seventy-eight acres, and Mr. Lentz has made a number of improvements on the property since it came into his possession. He has exceptionally fine live stock. Much of his produce is sold at the Shamokin markets, which he attends regularly. Mr. Lentz is a progressive citizen, enterprising in the management of his own affairs and interested in movements which affect the general welfare, and he is vice-president and a director of the Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company, in which he is an active spirit. He was a school director of his township for three years, and is a Republican in political matters.

On March 8, 1897, Mr. Lentz married Henrietta Kelly, daughter of George Kelly, and they have three children: Orpha, Rachel and Myrtle K.

FRANKLIN L. KEHRES, of Rebuck, is engaged as a merchant, hotel-keeper and farmer, carrying on a business established by his grandfather many years ago. He has the leading store and hotel at the place. Mr. Kehres was born in Washington township, where he has passed all his life, Nov. 30, 1857, son of Nathan E. and Catharine (Hoffman) Kehres. He belongs to an old family of this region, his father and grandfather having lived in Washington township, and bears a name which, in various forms, is now numerously represented in Pennsylvania. The original form was Gehres, and the branches of the family found in Berks and Schuylkill counties, and in the Shamokin region, still retain that spelling or the variation Gehris; William Kehres, grandfather of Franklin L. Kehres, made the change from "G" to "K" which has been followed by his posterity.

John Gehres, the emigrant ancestor of this family, is said to have come from Germany, and he first located in Berks county, Pa., whence he moved across the Blue Mountains into Schuylkill county, settling in the Deep Creek Valley, where he owned land. He died in 1820, and his wife, whose maiden name was Catharine Otto, survived him over

fifty years, dying in April, 1873, at the advanced age of ninety-three. They were of the German Reformed faith, and are buried side by side at the Deep Creek Church. They had seven children, namely: John is mentioned below; William is mentioned below; Betty married John Bressler and they lived in Deep Creek Valley; Sallie married David Stutzman; Maricha married Michael Stutzman, who was killed in the Civil war; Catharine married a Mr. Warfel and they lived in Deep Creek Valley (their son is a prominent minister of the United Evangelical Association); Mrs. Ossman and her husband were members of the United Evangelical Association and moved to Iowa.

John Gehres, son of John and Catharine (Otto) Gehres, located at the upper end of the Deep Creek Valley in Schuylkill county, and was a farmer by occupation. After his retirement, being advanced in years, he made his home with his children for a number of years before his death, which occurred in 1908, when he was ninety-six years old, while he was living with a married daughter in Berks county. He was twice married, and survived both his wives, one of whom was a Reed. Among his seventeen children were: Sarah, Lovina, Carolina, Lydia, Emanuel (of Upper Mahantango Valley), Daniel (of Shamokin, Pa.) and Mrs. Haupt (who lives at Mount Carmel, Pa.). A number of the posterity of this John Gehres have lived in Berks and Lehigh counties, some now (1910) residing in Hamburg, Berks county, and one Milton Gehris, who formerly taught school in Berks county, now holds a responsible government position at Washington, D. C. This branch of the family adhere to the original spelling of the name.

William Kehres, son of John and Catharine (Otto), born April 5, 1808, was but twelve years old when his father died. He lived in Washington township, Northumberland county, where he was active throughout a long life, in his earlier manhood following farming exclusively and later building the Kehres mill, on Greenbrier creek, which he operated for many years besides following agricultural pursuits. This mill was continued in operation until about 1893. His farm consisted of about 160 acres. Mr. Kehres was an early settler at Rebuck, where he was one of the first merchants, being succeeded as such by his son Nathan. He died March 3, 1891, and he and both his wives are buried at the Himmel Church. Mr. Kehres first married, April 26, 1831, Lydia Erdman, who was born July 4, 1812, and died Sept. 14, 1834. They had four children: George E., born Sept. 19, 1831, whose wife Sarah, born Nov. 1, 1828, died March 21, 1885; Nathan E., born Sept. 29, 1832; William E., born Aug. 1, 1834; and Lydia, who died young. On Oct. 4, 1835, Mr. Kehres married (second) Catharine Erdman (a sister of his first wife), who was born May 25, 1818, and died July 8, 1895. Nineteen chil-





children were born to this marriage, as follows: Daniel, Oct. 6, 1836; Emanuel, Oct. 20, 1837 (his wife Rosanna, born Aug. 3, 1848, died July 21, 1904); Lydia, Oct. 17, 1838; Maria, Jan. 21, 1840; Henrietta, Feb. 1, 1842; Sarah, May 18, 1843; Catharine, Sept. 30, 1844; Levi, June 3, 1846; a daughter, March 4, 1847 (died in infancy); Paul, March 11, 1848; Lavina, March 9, 1849; twin of Lavina (born dead); Malinda, July 11, 1850; Amanda, Jan. 22, 1853; a son, Jan. 20, 1854 (died in infancy); a son, November, 1854 (died in infancy); Fietta, Aug. 27, 1855; a daughter, 1856 (died in infancy); Jacob Wilson, Jan. 31, 1858.

Nathan E. Kehres, son of William, was born Sept. 29, 1832, in Washington township, and died Sept. 10, 1902. He was a farmer until 1873, when he also engaged in the general mercantile business at Rebuck, continuing same until succeeded by his son F. L. Kehres in 1888. He was a successful man and left a valuable estate, owning several farms in Washington township and also one at Klingerstown (of over one hundred acres). He was a useful and respected citizen, served his township faithfully as treasurer, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of Himmel's Church, in which he held the offices of deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. Originally a Democrat in politics, he later became an adherent of Republican principles.

On June 15, 1856, Mr. Kehres married Catharine Hoffman, who was born Jan. 9, 1835, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, daughter of Henry D. Hoffman, of Berks county, and died Nov. 11, 1895. Children as follows were born to their union: Franklin L. is mentioned below; William H. was born Jan. 26, 1860; John M. was born Jan. 19, 1862; Lydia E. married E. R. Reitz; Mary Etta, born July 18, 1867, died Aug. 10, 1886; C. Reuben was born Sept. 21, 1869; Samuel was born Dec. 12, 1871, and died Jan. (?) 9, 1876; Kate A., born Aug. 14, 1877, married David C. Drummheller; Rosie A., born Jan. 21, 1880, married A. J. Schwalm.

Franklin L. Kehres received his education in the schools of the home locality and was reared to farm life. At an early age he began running a huckster team to Shamokin and Ashland, with produce, and was thus engaged for seven years, meantime commencing to clerk in the store for his father. Eventually he gave all his time to looking after the store, and in 1888 succeeded his father in the mercantile and hotel business, having moved to the old stand two years previously. Re-buck is an old-established business center in Washington township. Mr. Kehres carries a full line of general merchandise, continues to conduct the hotel, and operates his farm of ninety acres in conjunction with his other interests. He enjoys a large share of the patronage in his section of the county. He is agent for fertilizers and farm im-

plements, in which line he has built up a good trade, and he has been postmaster at Rebuck since the Harrison administration, having been appointed by John Wanamaker. One of the leading citizens of his district, he is identified with everything affecting its development and progress.

On June 23, 1878, Mr. Kehres married Sarah E. Hetrich, who was born in Washington township Dec. 2, 1860, daughter of Daniel Hetrich, and died Sept. 22, 1893. They had three children, John O., Cora A., and Gertie M. (wife of Norman Peifer). On Nov. 30, 1899, Mr. Kehres married (second) Katie E. Reed, daughter of Henry A. Reed. They have no children. Mr. Kehres and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church, and he has been joint treasurer of the church since 1903. In politics he is a Republican.

John O. Kehres, eldest of the family of Franklin L. Kehres, was born Oct. 11, 1879, and obtained his early education in the local public schools. Later he attended the Interstate Commercial College, at Reading, and he subsequently formed a partnership with William Hetrich, under the firm name of Kehres & Hetrich, engaging in the lumber business and the manufacture of cider, and also operating a gristmill, in Washington township. They were associated in business for ten years, and since 1904 Mr. Kehres has been in partnership with his father in the general merchandise business. He is an enterprising and respected young man, and is progressing steadily in business circles. He is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, at Shamokin, and since 1900 has belonged to Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F., at Mahanoy.

Ephraim R. Gehris, late of Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa., was also a member of the Gehres family of which this article treats. He was a native of Boyertown, son of Isaac and Sarah Gehris, and passed nearly all his life there. He followed the occupation of tinsmith, and was a faithful employee, having been with Jacob B. Yahn for more than thirty years. In politics he was always an active and enthusiastic Democrat, and held several minor offices in the borough. From early youth he had played in the Boyertown Band, first as snare drummer, later as trombone. He was a charter member of the Keystone Fire Company, in which he was very popular, and served as chief engineer for a number of years. He belonged to the Knights of the Mystic Chain at Boyertown and to the Independent Order of Mechanics at Pottstown. Mr. Gehris died in June, 1910, at his home on Washington street, Boyertown, aged fifty-three years, six months, eleven days. He was buried in Union cemetery.

Mr. Gehris married Ada Shaner, who survived him with the following children: Ella, wife of Dewitt Engel; William; LeRoy; Isaac; and Agnes, wife of William Trout—all of Boyertown. One





daughter, Florence, died several years before her father. Mr. Gehris's father, Isaac Gehris, survives him, but his mother and sister preceded him in death.

HENRY N. ADAMS, whose home is in Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa., just across the Northumberland county line at Bear Gap, is a member of an old Northumberland county family.

Casper Adams, his great-grandfather, the first of the family in this country, was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) Church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue Church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue Church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years (Edward, William F. and Lucinda were his children); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C., born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna

(Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue Church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in lime burning. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue Church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John is deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county; D. Alonzo is on the old homestead in Ralpho township; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is living in Ralpho township; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

Henry N. Adams was born upon the homestead near the Blue Church Nov. 18, 1851, and was raised by his grandfather, Leonard Pensyl, in Ralpho township. He remained with him till about thirty years of age and then left home after the death of his grandfather. He was employed for several years by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, for a few years was section track foreman, and then was employed at the Pennsylvania yard at Weigh Scales. In 1889 he located upon his present farm in Cleveland township, Columbia county, near Bear Gap, which he purchased, having 145 acres of valuable land, among the best in the district. It has an abundant supply of spring water. He is a much respected citizen of his community, having been elected auditor of his township, which office he is filling at present.

On Feb. 4, 1888, Mr. Adams married Lydia Dimmick, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Leiby) Dimmick, and they have three children, Calvin B., David L. and Clara M., all at home. He is a member of the Reformed (Blue) Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

STAMM. The Stamm family has many representatives in Northumberland county, descendants of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, the Stammers having scattered from that region over various parts of Pennsylvania.

The name Stamm or Stam is found frequently in the lists of emigrants to America. On the passenger list of the "Hope," Daniel Reed, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 23, 1734, is the name of Peter Stam, aged twenty; on the "Samuel," Hugh Percy, captain, from Rotterdam, qualified Dec. 3, 1740, that of Adam Stam, aged twenty-five; on the "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 21,





1742, those of Johann Adam Stam and Werner Stam; on the snow "Charlotte," John Mason, master, from Rotterdam, Sept. 5, 1743, Johann Jacob Stam; on the "Phoenix," William Wilson, commander, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1743, Johannes Stamm; and on the "Union," Andrew Bryson, captain, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1774, Adam Stam.

The Stamm family is one of the oldest in Berks county. Werner (or Peter) and Johann Adam Stam (or Stamm), brothers, were natives of Switzerland and emigrated to the New World on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, commander, from Rotterdam. It qualified at Philadelphia Sept. 21, 1742, and of the 141 male emigrants who had taken passage many settled in Berks county, their descendants being still found in goodly numbers in the districts where they located. Where Johann Adam Stam settled, or what became of him, we do not know. The other brother, Werner, was the ancestor of the Stammers of Berks county. He was born Nov. 13, 1726, in Bern, Switzerland; and died May 16, 1795. He settled in what is now Bern township in 1763, obtaining a large tract of land in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, in Berks county, where he lived and died. He and his wife are buried at the old Bern Church. He married May 26, 1748, Catharine, born in 1728, died Nov. 4, 1812. Among his children were two sons named Nicholas and Frederick.

(The name Peter is said to have been Werner Stam. There is a Werner Stam buried at the Bern Church. The Pennsylvania Archives record the name as Peter, but this is reputed to be an error, the tax lists, church records, etc., all bearing evidence to the contrary. However, it is reasonable to suppose that Werner Stamm was under age when the two mentioned in the Archives arrived, and that for that reason his name does not appear. The date of their landing agrees with the date tradition and old members of the family have of Werner's coming to America.)

Nicholas Stamm, son of Werner, born April 22, 1752, died Oct. 6, 1828. He married Catharine Lerch, born April 21, 1754, died May 16, 1844. Like his parents, they are buried at the Bern Church. Among their children were: Johann Adam, Frederick, Peter, John, Mrs. Benjamin Graeff, Philip, William, Catharine (married Peter Reinhart) and Benjamin. Some of this family moved to Lycoming, Snyder and Northumberland counties, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Stamm, the grandfather of Levi F. Stamm, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, was evidently one of the sons of Nicholas, above, having been born in Bern township, Berks county, near the Bern Church, Feb. 17, 1782. In 1816 he came to Northumberland county, settling near the Paradise Church in Turbut township.

Afterward he lived for a time in Center county, Pa., but returned to Northumberland in a few years and died on the old homestead. He was one of the pioneers in this region, and made the trip hither from Berks county by team. His wife, whose maiden name was Barnhart, died in Center county and is buried there, at the Loop Church at Center Hall. Frederick Stamm died in Turbut township Sept. 11, 1859, aged seventy-seven years, one month, twenty-four days, and is buried at the Paradise Church. He was a Reformed member of that church and active in his congregation, which he served many years as deacon and elder. They had children as follows: Mrs. John Frymeyer; Jacob; Henry, who died in Turbut township; Mrs. Samuel Stahlnecker; Mrs. Conrad Diefenbacher; Benjamin, who died in Center county; Charles, who died in Center county; Mrs. John Gingrith; Mrs. Christian Gingrith (John and Christian Gingrith were brothers); Mrs. John Catterman; Daniel, who died in Montour county; Mrs. Myers; Dr. William, who died near Pittsburg, Pa.; and one that died in infancy.

Jacob Stamm, son of Frederick, was born in Berks county in 1808. He grew to manhood upon the homestead farm in Turbut township, which he later purchased, and when a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for many years. A prominent worker in the Democratic party in his locality, he served over eighteen years as overseer of the poor and held various other township offices, proving a faithful and intelligent public servant. He was an active member of the Reformed congregation at Paradise Church, and served many years as deacon and elder. In 1831 he married Mary Deifenbacher, daughter of Philip Deifenbacher, of Montour county. Mrs. Stamm was born in 1811, and died in 1899, long surviving her husband, who passed away Oct. 28, 1881. They are buried at Paradise Church. The following children were born to this couple: William B. (died Dec. 31, 1898, aged sixty-eight years, twenty-six days) married Catharine Berger; Edward J., born in Lewis township Dec. 15, 1839, died Feb. 7, 1909, a farmer, married Amelia Berger; Daniel D., born in 1842, died in 1901, married Susan Rangler; Franklin H., born in 1843, died in 1911, married Annie Snyder; Levi Frederick is mentioned below; Philip L., born in 1848, died in 1906, married Susan Bellman.

LEVI FREDERICK STAMM, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 6, 1845, in Delaware township, this county, received his education in the township schools and in a graded school at Limestoneville, Montour county, and was engaged in teaching for two terms, at East Lewisburg and at Kiefertown. After that he farmed in Lewis township for one year, at the end of that time settling in Turbut township, where he has since remained. Buying the Schaeff-





fer homestead (that of his father-in-law) of 177 acres, he prospered in his agricultural work, and also acquired an adjoining tract, of sixty acres, all valuable land, being classed among the best farm acreage in the county, abundantly supplied with good water. Mr. Stamm continued active farm work until 1892, since which year he has lived retired, his successful career having enabled him to rest from heavy responsibilities for many years. He is a Reformed member of the Paradise Church and has held offices in his congregation.

In 1868 Mr. Stamm married Sarah Schaeffer, and they have three children: Cora married Robert Sheep and has one child, Neta; Ida married Andrew Kurtz and has two children, Mildred and Dorothy; Oran S., born in 1877, a clerk in the employ of the Milton Manufacturing Company, married Catharine Satteson and has one child, Thelma. Mrs. Stamm's grandfather was Peter Schaeffer, and her parents were Eli and Elizabeth (Glase) Schaeffer, the former of whom died Aug. 19, 1886, aged sixty-five years; his wife died Nov. 21, 1887, aged sixty-two.

John William Stamm (probably the son of Nicholas recorded as William) was born in 1793, and died in 1868, aged seventy-five years, at the borough of Northumberland. He is buried in Riverview cemetery. For a time he lived in Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., where he kept a hotel until 1840, in which year he moved to Point township, Northumberland county, where he owned land and followed farming. Upon his retirement from active work he settled in Northumberland, in which borough he passed the remainder of his days. His wife Catharine (Kissinger) died out West while with one of her sons who had settled there. The children of John William and Catharine (Kissinger) Stamm were as follows: Benjamin died in Detroit, Mich.; Louis died out West; Andrew, William and G. Washington live out West; Thomas J. is mentioned later; Margaret married Robert Arnold; Sarah married and lived in Iowa; Susan married Joseph Watson.

Thomas J. Stamm, son of John William, was born in 1821 in Montour county, Pa., where he passed his youth and young manhood. In his earlier life he was a farmer, and later, settling at Northumberland, engaged in hotel-keeping, conducting the "Exchange Hotel," which he established. He subsequently conducted the "Washington Hotel," in the same borough, up to within several years before his death, which occurred at Northumberland in 1897. He is buried there. His son Benjamin F. succeeded to his interests in the hotel business, which he still carries on. Politically Mr. Stamm was a Democrat, and he was elected to the office of school director, which he filled faithfully. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married

Catharine Crouser, who was born in 1828, daughter of Jacob Crouser, of Catawissa, Pa., and died in 1895. The following children were born to them: Laura E. (deceased), who was an invalid; Mary S., who married Robert G. Seiler, of Northumberland, Pa.; John W., mentioned later; Thomas J., Jr., a resident of Lewisburg, Pa.; Margaret Ann, who married Abner G. Mertz, of Northumberland; Clarinda C., who is unmarried and lives in Detroit, Mich.; Sallie Ann; Benjamin F., mentioned later; and Carrie May, who married James McKinney, and they live at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. STAMM, son of Thomas J. and Catharine (Crouser) Stamm, was born Dec. 28, 1850, in Point township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Northumberland. After working for his father until he reached the age of eighteen he began work in a sawmill and lumber business at Northumberland, and was thus engaged for the next seventeen years, following which he farmed in Point township for five years. During this time—in 1885—he became interested in the butcher business, which has grown to such proportions that it now requires the principal share of his time and attention, and he is the leading butcher of Northumberland borough, where his establishment is located. He has a wide patronage, and has the distinction of having the only sanitary butcher wagon run in the borough, a fact indicative of the progressive methods which have always characterized his work. Mr. Stamm is not only a successful business man but a citizen of broad public spirit, and as such has done good work as a member of the bureau of industry of Northumberland. In political sentiment he is a Democrat.

In 1867 Mr. Stamm married Adda Hoffman, daughter of John and Amelia (Kreider) Hoffman, of Snyder county, Pa. They had two daughters: Edna, now the wife of Urban Snyder, living in Upper Augusta township, this county; and Katie, wife of Roy Ulf, of Northumberland. Mrs. Stamm died Feb. 2, 1878, aged thirty-two years. In 1880 Mr. Stamm married (second) Sarah Gulick, daughter of Isaac and Sabilla (Ulrich) Gulick of Northumberland, and they have had one son, William Floyd, born Sept. 15, 1882, who is a railroad man in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company. Mr. Stamm occupies a fine residence built by his father, at the corner of Queen and Fifth streets, in the borough of Northumberland. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, in whose work he has taken considerable part, having served as elder and as deacon for many years.

BENJAMIN F. STAMM, son of Thomas J., was born Dec. 9, 1867, in the old "Exchange Hotel" in Northumberland borough. He received his ed-





ucation at that place, in the public schools. He is an experienced hotel man, having practically grown up to the business, which he has followed all his active life.. In 1892 he began conducting the "Washington Hotel" at Northumberland, and has been proprietor ever since; in 1905 he bought the property, which is located at the corner of King and Northway streets. It has some twenty rooms and the trade has been a lucrative one for many years. Mr. Stamm is a well known sportsman and hunter, and has many friends among those similarly inclined in his section. He is an independent voter, supporting the candidate he prefers without regard to party lines.

Mr. Stamm married Jennie Haas, daughter of Luther L. Haas, of Northumberland, and they have two children, Esther C. and Luther A.

LANDIS ZARTMAN, farmer of Rockefeller township, near the Lantz Church and Lantz schoolhouse, was born July 27, 1863, in Jackson township, this county, and belongs to a numerous and respected family whose members have been identified with the best element in that region for several generations past. The family has been settled in this county for over one hundred and forty years. The founder of the family in this country settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Alexander Zartman and his wife Ann Catharina came from Germany to America in the summer of 1728. They were classified with the German Palatinates, but it is more likely that they came from Wurtemberg, possibly from Erlenbach. Their first stopping place was Philadelphia, whence they followed the pike leading to Harrisburg, and at length found their way into the region of the Tulpehocken, southwest of Reading, in Berks county, not far from the Muddy Creek Lutheran and Reformed Church, where they worshipped in the years 1728 and 1729. Before 1730, however, they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and in 1738 purchased a tract of land near Brickerville, that county, the deed for which (calling for 197 acres) was given by the Penns to Alexander Zartman in about 1750. He made his last will and testament (recorded at Lancaster, Pa.) Oct. 6, 1762, and it was probated in December, that year. His age is not given. He lived in America thirty-four years. His wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander, and as there is no record of other offspring it is probable these were their only children.

Jacob Zartman, son of Alexander, was the ancestor of the Zartmans of Northumberland county. He may have been born in Germany. He received his inheritance from his parents in 1754, when they deeded to him seventy-one acres of the old homestead. This land Jacob Zartman sold to George Graffe in 1759 for £280. In about 1768

he came to Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a 122-acre tract at the foot of Line Mountain. In 1775 John Adam Shaffer deeded a farm of 100 acres to Jacob Zartman, of Mahanoy township, the consideration being £11, and there, between what are now known as Kneass and Otto stations, established the old Zartman homestead, which after his death was owned by his sons Martin and Peter, later by their brother Henry, and then, successively, by Henry's son Martin, Martin's son Daniel and Daniel's son Samuel S., who sold it only recently to Edward Hilbush. There is a very good spring near the old house, and there stood a beautiful pear tree, from which four generations gathered fruit. In February, 1793, Jacob Zartman made his last will and testament, and died either that month or the month following. He is interred in a private burial ground in the meadow west of the house; he has no tombstone. He married Anna Margareth Roemin (Ream), and their children were: Henry; Martin; Anna Margareth, born Oct. 28, 1755; Susanna; Eve, born Oct. 1, 1758 (probably died young; her birth and baptism are recorded at Brickerville Church); Peter, born March 3, 1760; Jacob, and Anna Maria.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob and Anna Margareth Zartman, was born in Lancaster county, and in about 1769 moved to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life. Under his father's will he and his brother Peter became joint owners of the homestead at the foot of Line Mountain. He made his last will and testament Oct. 2, 1816, and it was probated Oct. 2, 1817. He married Susanna Futler (Fittler), sister of his brother Jacob's wife, and their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, April 27, 1780; Martin, Nov. 11, 1781; Benjamin, March 13, 1783; William, May 28, 1785; Eve Magdalene, Oct. 8, 1795; Margaret, 1797; David, Dec. 30, 1799.

David Zartman, son of Martin, born Dec. 30, 1799, lived in Washington township, was a weaver by trade, and died Oct. 30, 1879, aged seventy-nine years, ten months. David Zartman was twice married, and was the father of six children: Benjamin, Isaac, Elias and Israel, by his first wife, and Samuel and Mary by the second.

Israel Zartman, son of David, was born in Jackson township, where he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. He followed that vocation for many years, finding plenty of work in his own and surrounding townships. He lived at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, for many years, and died there in 1870 or 1871; he is buried at that church, whose bell he had rung for many years. His wife, Polly (Schlegel), daughter of William Schlegel, still survives, and has now (1910) reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. She makes her home with her daughter,





Mrs. Louisa Garinger, in Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Zartman had children as follows: Malinda, Mrs. Cornelius Smith; Lucinda, deceased; Louisa, wife of Jackson Garinger; Landis; Nelson, of Sunbury; and twins and another child that died young.

Landis Zartman was reared to farm life. Soon after his father's death he was taken into the family of Jacob Fegley, with whom he lived until he was past twenty. For three years he lived at Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, thence moving to Rockefeller township, where he began farming, remaining there about four years at that time. For the next three years he was engaged in farming in Little Mahanoy township, after which he was again in Upper Augusta before settling on his present home in Rockefeller township. It is a tract of ninety-six acres, formerly the homestead of Maj. Samuel Lantz, and located near the Lantz Church and Lantz schoolhouse. Under Mr. Zartman's care it is in excellent condition, and he has proved himself a progressive and enterprising farmer, conducting his work systematically and obtaining good results. Mr. Zartman is a Democrat and has been identified with politics and public matters in his locality, having served as election judge, and at present filling his fourth term as overseer of the poor.

In 1888 Mr. Zartman married Annie M. Sterner, daughter of George W. and Ellen (Barrett) Sterner, of Rockefeller township. They have had three children: Della May married Bertram Fegley and they live in Rockefeller township; Bertha Ellen married Domer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; Irvin Edwin was born Aug. 5, 1893, in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Zartman and his family worship in the Lutheran Church, and he has served many years as deacon.

The descendants of Alexander and Ann Catharina Zartman have organized, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, being president of the association. Their latest and largest reunion was held at York, Pennsylvania. Zartmans and Zortmans from various sections were represented at the gathering.

**EMANUEL WILL YOUNG**, justice of the peace and chief clerk to the county commissioners of Northumberland county, is a citizen of Riverside who has been identified with business and public matters and is well and favorably known, being a man of ability and trustworthy character.

Joseph Young, his grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., where he lived and died, passing his life in Penn township, where he is also buried, at White Oak Church. He was a member of the Reformed congregation there. By trade he was a cooper. Six children were born

to him and his wife, namely: Levi, who lived at Ralpho, Pa.; a daughter who married Michael Frunk, of Lancaster county; Sophia, who never married; Reuben, who died at Elkhart, Ind.; a daughter who married Joseph Baker and lived in Lancaster county; and Michael.

Michael Young, son of Joseph, was born in January, 1815, in Penn township, Lancaster county, and died there Aug. 10, 1890. He was a cooper and farmer, owning a tract of twenty acres near Manheim, in Penn township. He is buried in the family plot at White Oak Union Church, where he was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation, serving many years as deacon and trustee. In politics he was a Republican for many years, but though active in the party always refused offers of public position for himself, preferring to use his influence, as he did, to help elect his friends. To him and his wife, Fannie (Will), daughter of Peter Will, of Ralpho township, Lancaster county, were born the following children: Catharine is the wife of Joseph Keith and they live at Lebanon, Pa.; Elizabeth married Thomas Keith, brother of Joseph, and they live at Penryn, Pa.; Sarah married Monroe Ulrich and they live at Manheim, Pa.; Annie, married to Benjamin Hammer, also lives at Manheim; Malinda married Talton Wechter and they reside at Penryn; Emanuel Will was the only son.

Emanuel Will Young was born May 26, 1866, in Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and there received his early education in the common schools. Later he took a commercial course in the Lancaster Business College, and he was a young man when he settled in Northumberland county, removing to Sunbury in 1889. There he engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and afterward had a cigar factory at Riverside, continuing that business until the spring of 1900, when he entered the employ of the M. F. Gulick Sand Company, at Riverside, as foreman. He was with the concern in that capacity for a period of three years, until appointed assistant clerk to the county commissioners, holding that position until 1906. Resuming his work with the sand company he continued in their employ until 1908, when he received his appointment as chief clerk to the present board of county commissioners. Mr. Young was first elected justice of the peace in 1900, and has since been reelected. He has also been overseer of the poor. He has long been one of the leaders of the Republican party in Northumberland county, being one of its faithful workers and standing well with the best class of citizens. Socially he holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of Danville; in Lodge No. 209, I. O. O. F., also of Danville; and in the Order of Moose at Milton, this county.

In 1889 Mr. Young married Sallie E. Culp,





daughter of William and Martha (Smith) Culp. They are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Young is at present serving as trustee.

**WILKISON OR WILKINSON.** Both forms of this name are in use among the descendants of Aaron Wilkison, a pioneer of Northumberland county, Pa., who was a native of New Jersey and came to this section at an early day, settling in Augusta township, along Shamokin creek, where he lived for some years. He then moved to the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, this county, settling on the property now owned by Francis Wynn, a tract of 120 acres. By occupation he was a farmer. He died while yet a young man, and is buried at the Presbyterian Church near Snyderstown, though he was a Methodist. His wife, whose maiden name was Poyer, long survived him. They had children as follows: Joseph; John, who located near his father's place in the Irish Valley; and Samuel, who succeeded to the ownership of his brother John's farm when the latter died.

Joseph Wilkison, son of Aaron, lived in Irish Valley, where he was born in 1812. He was a farmer all his life, owning and living upon the 100-acre place now occupied by his son Peter. He was active in church life, and is buried at the Irish Valley Methodist Church. He lived to his seventy-fifth year, dying in January, 1887. Mr. Wilkison's wife, whose maiden name was Shull, was of German birth, born Sept. 5, 1819, and she survived him, dying April 10, 1899. They had a large family, viz.: Mary Elizabeth married Henry Long; Peter is mentioned later; Aaron is mentioned later; Lafayette lived for some time in Maryland, later moving to Kansas; Susanna married John Barton and they lived at Salt Lake City, Utah; Elizabeth married Hiram Rockefeller, of Irish Valley; Sarah Jane married William Roth and they lived in Shamokin, this county; Mary Ann married William Farrow and they lived at Snyderstown, this county; Isabella became the second wife of William Farrow after her sister's death; Ruth died unmarried when twenty-five years old.

Peter Wilkison, son of Joseph, was born Sept. 8, 1840, on his father's homestead in Shamokin township, where he now lives. He has spent all but two years of his life on this place, the family living at Snyderstown during the period mentioned, and he was engaged in farming throughout his active years. The farm came into his possession in about 1865, and he is the third generation of this family to own the property, which belonged in turn to his grandfather and father. Joseph Wilkison built the barn and in 1837 put up the old house, which is still standing, but the large house now occupied by the family was erected by Peter Wilkison in 1887. He has lived retired

for several years past, having accumulated a substantial competency. In fact, he is one of the substantial citizens of his district, and is a director of the First National Bank of Trevorton. He has served several terms as overseer of the poor, and is a Republican in political affiliation.

On June 8, 1862, Mr. Wilkison married Mary Jane Malick, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Wolf) Malick, of Rockefeller township, who lived near Augustaville, and granddaughter of Jacob Malick, who died in 1842 and is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville; his wife was an Epler. Mrs. Lydia (Wolf) Malick's mother, Susanna, was the daughter of Valentine Fasold. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison: Henry Nelson is mentioned below; Joseph E. died when four years old; Celia A. married Harry Miller and they live at Sunbury. Mr. Wilkison and his family are members of the Methodist Church, which he served as trustee for many years.

**HENRY NELSON WILKISON**, son of Peter, was born July 18, 1863, on the homestead, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he has always been occupied. He assisted his father in running the farm and dairy until he began operations on his own account, in the spring of 1884, on the homestead, continuing to farm there until 1893, when he purchased a 120-acre tract, the second farm west of his father's place. There he has since lived and farmed, and in 1902 he built the large Swiss barn on the place. In 1907 he erected a commodious frame residence, and he has since rebuilt all the other farm buildings, the entire property being now in excellent condition, in every detail. His farm is now regarded as one of the valuable agricultural properties of Irish Valley. It is located in the southeastern part of Rockefeller township and was once the John Yordy homestead. Mr. Wilkison is a conservative but progressive citizen, and is regarded as an intelligent farmer, with a thorough comprehension of the requirements of modern agriculture and the ability to fill them. He has served as school director of his district.

On June 13, 1886, Mr. Wilkison married Catharine Kerstetter, daughter of Adam and Sevilla (Fegley) Kerstetter, of Shamokin township, and they have had five children: Curtis, who died when eleven months old; Adam R., now engaged in farming his grandfather's place, who is married to Lydia Straub; Palmer P.; Jennie S., wife of Walter Clark, who assists Mr. Wilkison; and Blanche E. Mr. Wilkison and his family attend the Methodist Church. He is a Republican in politics.

Aaron Wilkinson, son of Joseph, was born June 9, 1845, in the Irish Valley, Shamokin township, and died May 8, 1908. He was a lifelong





farmer, owning 110 acres in Lower Augusta township, the original Shipman plantation, and he was not only known in his community as a successful agriculturist, but also for his participation in its various activities. He was a Democrat, and served as school director and road director; was a Methodist and interested in church life, as were also the members of his family; and took pleasure in using his influence to further the welfare of his section, where he enjoyed considerable prominence. He had one hobby, being a true sportsman, and was often on the mountain when the snow was a foot deep, taking great delight in fox hunting; he killed three foxes in one day.

During the sixties Mr. Wilkinson married Abigail Snyder, who was born Feb. 28, 1840, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Shipman) Snyder and sister of former Associate Judge Shipman. Mrs. Wilkinson died July 18, 1908, at the age of sixty-eight. She was the mother of the following children: Melvin, who died aged twenty-eight years, unmarried; Samuel J.; John, who lives near Trevorton, this county; Dr. Boyd, of Trevorton; and Ira, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years.

SAMUEL J. WILKINSON, son of Aaron, was born Nov. 26, 1871, in Lower Augusta township, and there obtained his early education in the public schools. Later he attended Central Pennsylvania Academy, at New Berlin, Union county, which institution was conducted under the auspices of the Evangelical Association. When a young man of twenty he was licensed to teach public school, and taught two terms in Cameron township, later being engaged for one term in West Cameron township, after the district became subdivided. For the next five years he followed farming, in 1896 engaging in the milling business in Mahanoy township. In 1904 he became proprietor of his present establishment, known as the Mahanoy Valley Roller Mills, at Dornsife. This mill is located on Mahanoy creek, and the property includes seventeen acres of land. The plant is an old one, the mill having been built by John Dunkelberger. Since his day it has passed through many changes of ownership, having been owned successively by Reitz, Kobel, the latter's son, Bowman and the present owner, who bought Mr. Bowman out in 1904. It has always been a leading business center of the district, and has lost none of its old prestige under the present management, Mr. Wilkinson having remodeled the mill and equipped it with roller process. The trade has increased five-fold since he acquired the plant, his patrons coming from a radius of many miles, and he finds a ready market for his flour in Shamokin, Trevorton and the surrounding territory. He manufactures a straight grade known as Wilkinson's Best, and his other well known brands are White Rose, Banner, Spring Patent and Triumph. He also

does a large business in the production of manufactured feed.

In May, 1897, Mr. Wilkinson married Rebecca French, daughter of John and Frances (Sharp) French, and a native of Sussex county, Del. Mrs. Wilkinson was born Dec. 9, 1878, and died May 2, 1909. She is buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church on the Wilkinson homestead, which was taken up by the Shipman family early in the eighteen hundreds. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson had the following children: Abigail, Ida, Llewellyn, Alton and Laura. Mr. Wilkinson and his family are members of the Boyle's Run Methodist Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and was committeeman of Mahanoy township three years.

DANIEL GEISE (deceased), for many years a most respected citizen of Jordan township, was well known as a prosperous farmer and a faithful public official. He was born July 18, 1836, son of George Geise and grandson of Heinrich Geise, of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., among whose children were George, Samuel, Daniel and Jacob.

George Geise, born July 20, 1788, settled in what is now Jordan township, and died there, on the farm now owned by the widow of his son Daniel, Sept. 2, 1869. He was a miller by trade, but in time devoted himself entirely to farming, owning the farm which is still in the family name. His wife Catharine, daughter of Peter Schwartz, of Berks county, was born Dec. 10, 1796, in Berks county, and died Jan. 9, 1875, and they are buried at St. Paul's (Schwartz) Church, Urban. Their children were born as follows: Hannah, Aug. 2, 1817; Benneville, June 23, 1819; Peter, Jan. 20, 1822; Catharine, June 26, 1824; Rachel, June 13, 1827; Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 1830; George, March 26, 1832; Daniel, July 18, 1836; David, June 25, 1838 (died Sept. 11, 1906; wife, Catharine, died July 14, 1901, aged sixty-three years, fourteen days).

Daniel Geise was a lifelong farmer, owning and occupying the place where his widow now resides, a tract of 149 acres located a quarter of a mile south of Urban. This was originally a Schwartz homestead. Besides general farming, Mr. Geise engaged in lime burning and in cattle dealing, and he made a success of his various undertakings. He was a man who took a keen interest in the local welfare and administration, serving the township in the offices of treasurer and overseer of the poor. Politically he was a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Lutheran congregation at St. Paul's Church, where he is buried. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1900.

Mr. Geise married Froenica Trautman, daughter of George and Rebecca (Heckert) Trautman, and ten children were born to this union: David; Katie, married to Galen Bower; Mary (twin of





Katie), married to William Pickering; Sallie, married to Elias Phillips; George; Ellen, married to Charles Deppen; Rebecca, married to Harry Drum; Louisa, married to Charles Tressler; Emma, married to Albert Phillips; and John. The family is highly respected, enjoying the best standing in the community. Mrs. Geise is a member of the Reformed congregation at the Schwartz (St. Paul's) Church.

Samuel Geise, son of Heinrich and brother of George (above), was born in either Berks or Northumberland county, and died at Kratzerville, Snyder Co., Pa., in the seventies; he is buried there. He was a butcher by trade, and owned a small tract of land in Monroe township, Snyder county, where he lived. He was well known at Northumberland, where he sold his meat. In religion he was a Lutheran. To him and his wife Hannah (Bowman) were born seven children: Hannah, Mrs. Walter; Henry; Polly, who died unmarried; Samuel, who lived in Dry Valley, Union Co., Pa.; Sarah, who died unmarried; Moses, who owned the homestead and who died unmarried (he had very weak eyes); and Eliza, who never married.

Henry Geise, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 15, 1818, in Ohio, whither his father had emigrated from Mahanoy township, making the trip by wagon. The family remained in that State only one year, however, returning to Pennsylvania and settling in Snyder county. Mr. Geise passed his earlier years in Snyder and Union counties, operating gristmills, and about 1850 came to Point township, Northumberland county, where he engaged in farming and passed the remainder of his long life, dying July 9, 1900. He is buried at Northumberland. He owned his own farm of eighty-one acres, which he cultivated until his retirement, being succeeded there by his son Samuel, who is now deceased. In religion Mr. Geise was a Lutheran. His wife, Susanna, was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Frederick) Brouse, of Kratzerville, Snyder county, and they were the parents of two children, Samuel and Henry F. The former was a farmer in Point township; his children were William, Dora, Harvey, Ammon, and Anna (deceased).

Henry F. Geise was born in Point township, and there received his early education in the public schools, later attending a select school at Northumberland. For one term he taught the school in his native township which he had previously attended as a pupil. He was reared to farm life, and continues to follow agricultural pursuits, giving special attention to dairying. His farm is in the central part of Point township, a tract of 180 acres, which he conducts on modern lines. Since February, 1902, he has been engaged in dairying, now keeping twenty-seven cows and selling his milk at Northumberland, to which place his milk

team goes daily. Mr. Geise is one of the most progressive citizens of his locality. He was one of the organizers of the Northumberland National Bank, and served three years as director of that institution. For eleven years he served as tax collector, was at one time a member of the township board of school directors, and is at present one of the supervisors, having held that office since the new road law went into force. Politically he is a Republican, a well known worker in the party in his section, having been county committeeman since 1896 and served as delegate to various county conventions.

On June 20, 1882, Mr. Geise married Mary Jane Dagle, daughter of John Frederick Dagle, and they have become the parents of nine children: Charles H., who married Marie Von Barga and resides at Sidney, Ohio; Edna G., who died when seventeen years old; Frederick D.; Martin L.; Nora E., who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school in 1910 and is now a teacher in Point township; Mary I.; Susan L.; John F., and Mildred L. Mary, Susan and John now attend the Northumberland high school. Mr. Geise and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he helped to organize Trinity Church in his township, of which he is a trustee. Prior to the organization of this church, in 1897, he and his family belonged to St. John's Church, at the borough of Northumberland.

In Will Book A, page 75, Berks county courthouse, is found record of the will of George Adam Geiss, made Jan. 26, 1784, probated March 4, 1784. The witnesses were Matthias Staudt, Matthias Sonnenlich and Joseph Conrad. George Adam Geiss was a farmer of Bern township, Berks county. His wife Anna Barbara and son Michael were the executors, and the following division was made of the property: "Son Michael shall have 10 pds first of all of my personal estate for his birthright and each of my three daughters shall be equal to the eldest in their first marriage each shall receive the same as the other; son Michael shall have all my real estate but he shall pay to *each* of his sisters the sum of 700 pounds." The son Michael had a son George, born in 1788, who may have been the George Geise mentioned at the beginning of this article as the father of Daniel Geise, of Jordan township, Northumberland county.

THOMAS A. EVANS, proprietor of the "Valley House" at Mount Carmel, has been a resident of that borough since 1894 and has been engaged in various pursuits, for several years holding the office of ticket agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company there. He has been interested in the local administration for some years, at present serving his third term as member of the borough council.





Mr. Evans was born in 1869 near the city of York, in York county, Pa. His father, John H. Evans, a native of Wales, came to America when a young man and lived in York county, Pa., for some time. He then went to Shenandoah, Pa., where he remained until his death. He was a rock contractor. He and his wife had a family of six children: Elizabeth, who is now the wife of O. B. Williams, a well known contractor of Tamaqua, Pa.; William J.; Hannah, wife of Thomas Mullahey, a tailor of Mount Carmel; Thomas A.; Hugh J., a United States marshal, now stationed at Scranton, Pa.; and Nellie, wife of Robert Goodwill.

Thomas A. Evans received a common school education. His first employment was as a clerk, and after being thus engaged for a time he became a merchant, carrying on a general store at Shenandoah for four years. In 1894 he came to Mount Carmel, where he followed mining for about five years, at the end of that time becoming ticket agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was thus engaged until the spring of 1910, when he became proprietor of the well known "Valley House" at Mount Carmel, in the conduct of which he has been very successful. He is an up-to-date business man, and his methods and good management promise to hold the trade this house has always enjoyed and to increase it. Mr. Evans was elected a member of the borough council in 1904, on the Republican ticket, and has since been a member of that body, at present serving his third successive term. His continuance in office is the best guaranty of the satisfaction his services have given to his fellow citizens.

On Sept. 20, 1893, Mr. Evans married Mary E. Moyer, daughter of James Moyer, and they have one son, Delroy. Socially Mr. Evans is a member of the Elks and the Eagles, and he also belongs to the Anthracite Fire Company.

**CORNELIUS LESHER**, a highly respected farmer of Jordan township, was born there Nov. 15, 1842, son of John Leshner and grandson of Samuel Leshner. The latter came to this region from Berks county, where the Leshners have been settled for a number of generations.

John Leshner, a native of Germany, born Jan. 5, 1711, was the only son and heir-at-law of Nicholas Leshner, of the Fatherland. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1734 and was naturalized in 1743. He first settled in Bucks county, and later in Oley township, Berks county, where he became prominent as an ironmaster. He represented the county in the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and from 1776 until 1782 served in the General Assembly, helping to prepare the "Declaration of Rights," and being extremely prominent during the Revolutionary war, rendering valuable service to his adopted country. He died in Oley township April

5, 1794, aged eighty-three years, leaving a widow, five daughters, Barbara, Hannah, Maria, Catharine and Elizabeth, and two sons, John and Jacob, of Oley township. The family here under consideration springs undoubtedly from this source.

Samuel Leshner, the grandfather of Cornelius Leshner, was born March 12, 1782, and died March 12, 1844, aged sixty-three years. Upon settling in Northumberland county he made his home in Stone Valley, owning the farm which is now the property of Elias Philips, which was and is still considered the best farm in the township. He erected buildings on that place. He was prosperous, and also owned an adjoining farm, his holdings comprising fully three hundred acres, so that he was one of the substantial men of his time. He was a member of the Evangelical Association and he and Frederick Bohner were the first of that denomination in the township and instrumental in the establishment of Troutman's Church and Bohner's cemetery. The United Evangelical Church there now numbers fully one hundred members. Mr. Leshner was a devout Christian and a well known exhorter. He was twice married, and the children born to his first marriage were: George, John, Henry, Jacob, Samuel and Sarah (Mrs. John Troutman). His second wife, Maria (Smith), was born Aug. 12, 1799, and died Jan. 11, 1877. She and Mr. Leshner are buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Their children were: Harriet (Mrs. John Troutman), Isaac (born Jan. 1, 1832), Daniel, Elias, Jonas, Mary (Mrs. Charles Snyder) and Elizabeth (died unmarried).

John Leshner, son of Samuel, was born March 11, 1810, in Stone Valley, Jordan township, and died Nov. 9, 1884. His wife, Polly (Troutman), daughter of Jacob Troutman, was born June 10, 1814, and died Oct. 4, 1893. They were members of the Evangelical Association and faithful in their attendance at public worship. They are buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Mr. Leshner followed farming, owning a seventy-five-acre farm (now the property of David Leitzel) near Hebe, where he reared his large family. Twelve children were born to him and his wife: One daughter, Sarah, died young; Carolina married Jesse Schadel; one daughter married Simon Riegel and (second) Adam Bohner; Annie married Henry Schadel; Cornelius is mentioned below; Magdalena married Samuel Masser; one daughter married Moses Masser, cousin of Samuel Masser; Cassie married Joel Strohecker; John is a resident of Dauphin county, Pa.; Samuel is deceased; Jacob lives at Trevorton, Pa.; George L. is mentioned below.

Cornelius Leshner was reared under the parental roof, working for his father until he attained his majority. After following the carpenter's trade for two years he commenced farming as a tenant in Jordan township, and he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account for nearly



forty years. In Lower Mahanoy township he owned a farm of eighty acres which he farmed for three years, at the end of that time selling it to Gilbert Troutman, and for the next two years again farming as a tenant. He then bought a farm of 100 acres, the old homestead of Heinrich Troutman, who was the father of Jacob and grandfather of John Troutman, and there he lived and worked for twenty-eight years, finally disposing of the place to Samuel R. Reed. Mr. Lesher has always been considered one of the thrifty and intelligent farmers of Jordan township, and he has a complete farm stock, believing in working to the best advantage if the best results are to be expected. Physically he is short and well set, capable of doing a good day's work, and by industry and good management has attained a creditable position in his community. He has served his township efficiently as treasurer and overseer of the poor, is a Republican in political connection, and is a leading member of the United Evangelical Church at Uniontown, to which his family also belong. For a number of years he served as church trustee and he was a class leader for six years.

In December, 1863, Mr. Lesher married Polly Lease, who was born Jan. 1, 1841, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Troutman) Lease, of Mahanoy, Pa., and died Feb. 20, 1868. She is buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Of the three children born to this union two are deceased, the survivor being Lizzie, wife of David Eister, a farmer; they live near Mahanoy. In 1869 Mr. Lesher married (second) Carolina Troutman, daughter of Moses and Rebecca (Bohner) Troutman, and they have had four children: Daniel, who lives at home; Ida, Mrs. John Schmeltz; Wilson, of Jordan township; and Irwin, at home.

GEORGE L. LESHER, younger brother of Cornelius Lesher, is a farmer in Jordan township, where he was born Aug. 15, 1859. He was reared to farm life, which he has always followed. Working for his parents until he reached young manhood, he hired out to others for a time, and in the spring of 1886 began farming on his own account, in Jordan township. He had a farm of 106 acres which he sold in the fall of 1909, in the spring of 1910 moving to his present place. In September, 1885, he married Kate Troutman, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Troutman, and they have had six children, two of whom died unnamed. The others were: Joy, who died aged four years; S. Edgar, who died aged nine years; Norman, and Beulah. Mr. Lesher and his family attend the United Evangelical Church. He is a Republican in politics.

WILSON O. GEIST, of Herndon, proprietor and owner of the "Herndon House," and agent for farm machinery, is a man widely known in and around that borough, and the family has been well

known in this end of Northumberland county for several generations. In 1828 one John Geist was a trustee of the Reformed congregation at the old established Himmel Church, in Washington township, with which the Geists have been prominently identified down to the present day. When St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Upper Mahanoy township, was organized in 1853, Peter Geist was one of the first trustees.

Abraham Geist, grandfather of Wilson O. Geist, was born March 20, 1813, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was not only a successful farmer but also an enterprising business man, being one of the first dealers in live stock in his district. He had the best farm in the township, a place of 160 acres. He died Aug. 28, 1883, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth (Hepler), who was born June 10, 1813, and died July 14, 1888. She was a large and powerful woman, weighing nearly three hundred pounds. Besides John H. Geist they had children as follows: Christian (daughter), born in 1834, who died in 1835; Frank; William; Samuel; Lizzie, who married Alexander Gonser and lives at Lewisburg; William (?); Lydia, who married Daniel Swartz and lived at Urban, Pa.; Hettie, who married Jacob Snyder (they are buried at Leck Kill Church); and Polly, who married Michael Powell and (second) a Mr. Shoemaker.

John H. Geist, son of Abraham, lived for a number of years in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was one of the best-known residents in his day. He was a most enterprising business man, a merchant, huckster, butcher, hotel-keeper and farmer, owned Leck Kill and several large farms there, was postmaster at Leck Kill, and in every way the leading spirit of the place. For ten years before his death he conducted the "Central House" at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and his son John has succeeded him as proprietor of this place. He died there in 1905, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, Harriet (Beisel), is still living at Williamstown. They had children: Wilson O., William B., Anson, Charles, James, Martin, John and Laura (married to George Troutman and living in Snyder county).

Wilson O. Geist, son of John H. and Harriet (Beisel) Geist, was born Sept. 14, 1861, in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and was reared to farm life. But he began his business training early, assisting his father in the store and hotel, and running a huckster team for him, collecting produce and poultry. Continuing thus until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, he then began business on his own account, having a bottling establishment at Herndon. Afterward he embarked in the livery business, and in 1898 he became proprietor of the "Herndon House," purchasing the property in the year 1907. This is the oldest established hotel in the town and a relic of





the early days, the building itself being the oldest in Herndon. It was built by Peter and Henry Ziegler, and during the construction of the Northern Central railroad to Sunbury and Williamsport served as headquarters. It is on the main road to Pottsville, what is known as the old stage route road, and was the stopping place for the old-time stage coaches which ran between Lewistown and Pottsville. Mr. Geist has a first-class livery attached to the hotel, and also deals in horses. He is district agent for the Osborn Machine Company, selling all kinds of farm implements, and in the pursuit of his various interests has become very well known and popular among his associates. He does a thriving business in all these lines, and is a natural-born hotel proprietor, understanding the wants of his guests and looking out for their comfort in every way. He is a member of Herndon Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 132.

In 1882 Mr. Geist married Sevilla J. Updegraff, daughter of Jacob Updegraff, of Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They have four children: Harvey, married to Laura Lahr; Irwin, who is at home; Carrie, wife of John Borrell; and Hattie, at home.

**JACOB B. GETTER**, an old resident of Shamokin, where he is well known in various connections—as a Civil war veteran, charter member of the Independent Fire Company and one of the first mail carriers in the city, has had his home there since 1849. He was born April 15, 1839, at Northumberland, Northumberland county, son of Peter Getter. His grandfather lived and died in Northampton county, this State.

Peter Getter, born May 10, 1816, was a tailor, and followed his trade in Northumberland county, where he made his home for many years, living in Northumberland, Sunbury and Shamokin, respectively. He settled in the last named place in 1849, and died there Dec. 21, 1884, aged sixty-eight years, seven months, eleven days. Mr. Getter was originally a Democrat in politics, but went over to the new Republican party. He married Sarah Beck, born Feb. 10, 1816, died April 17, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, two months, seven days, daughter of Jacob Beck, of Northumberland county. To them were born eleven children: Jacob B., James, Edwin, Susanna (widow of Theodore Jones), Edgar, Eliza, Florence, Eva (wife of Hugh Coulton), Clara (widow of Robert Gorre), and two who died in infancy.

Jacob B. Getter attended the public schools of Sunbury. He came to Shamokin with his father in 1849, and here enlisted, April 22, 1861, from Shamokin, for three months, in Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Infantry, being at once made corporal. At the end of the three months he returned home, but remained only sixteen days, when he again enlisted, for three years' service, in Company

K, 46th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving first as second lieutenant and on March 18, 1864, being appointed first lieutenant. This office he held until his discharge, when he returned home to remain about five months, at the end of that period going to Philadelphia and enlisting in Company D, 2d Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry; he was mustered out after a service of unusual length and severity in September, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Getter saw much active service, and was wounded in the left knee at Chancellorsville and in the right leg at Dallas, Ga. He took active part in all the movements of the Army of the Potomac. After the battle of Gettysburg the 11th and 12th Corps went West, remaining in the Southwest under command of General Hooker, and took part in Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Getter tells many interesting stories of the Civil war.

Upon his return to Shamokin after his army service Mr. Getter commenced mining, which he followed for many years, beginning with the Shamokin Coal Company, in whose employ he remained for two seasons. When the free delivery system was put in operation at Shamokin he was one of the first mail carriers appointed, and served seven and a half years, resigning in 1898. He is now living retired, making his home at No. 140 East Sunbury street.

Mr. Getter is a prominent man in local G. A. R. circles, having been long a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, of Shamokin, of which he has been commander. He was a charter member of the Independent Fire Company of the city. He is a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious connection.

On Feb. 25, 1864, Mr. Getter was married to Thursa Rhoads, daughter of William and Eliza (Gordon) Rhoads, and she died May 1, 1874. His second marriage, Nov. 25, 1874, was to Lavina D. Yocum, daughter of James and Eliza Yocum, of Ralpho township, and his third marriage, Dec. 14, 1899, was to Mary W. Young, who survives. His children were all born to the first marriage, viz.: Harry H. resides at No. 2448 North Thirtieth street, Philadelphia; William E. is deceased; Sarah married Edward M. Seitzinger, of Shamokin, and they have children, Thursa, Lavina and Harriet.

Mrs. Jacob B. Getter is a granddaughter of Rev. John Wolverton, who was a Baptist minister of Northumberland county. Her father, Isaac Wolverton, was a merchant for several years and later became a farmer in Shamokin township, where he died at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Anna Vastine, daughter of Benjamin L. Vastine, and their children were: John, Benjamin, Jonathan, Eliza, Mary (Mrs. Getter) and Lewis, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. Getter. Mrs. Getter was born in Shamokin township July 5,







*J. B. Geftes*



1828. She married (first) Jacob Weimer Young and (second) Jacob B. Getter. By her first marriage she had two children, Nora A. and Harry L. Young.

**BENJAMIN F. TROUTMAN**, proprietor of the Opera House Cafe at Shamokin, has been doing business at his present location on Independence street since 1895, and is one of the most popular men in his line in the borough. He is widely acquainted among the business men and citizens generally. Mr. Troutman was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, Pa., July 14, 1865, son of James B. Troutman, and is a member of an old family of Berks county, being a grandson of Abraham or Peter Troutman.

The Troutman family of western Berks county had settled prior to the organization of the county, in 1752, in Tulpehocken township, where Hieronimus Troutman on Oct. 13, 1752, obtained two warrants, each for twenty-five acres of land located in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Lebanon county. On March 23, 1802, he and Abraham Troutman (a relative) jointly obtained a warrant for 152.80 acres of land in Northumberland county. The records show that at this time he was a taxable in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, the Pennsylvania Archives recording the following in 1768: "Peter Troutman, eighty acres of land in Tulpehocken; Philip Troutman, 100 acres; Valentine Troutman, six acres; and Michael Troutman, 217½ acres." Previously, in 1759, one John Troutman paid eleven pounds tax in Tulpehocken township. In 1779 the tax lists show: "Valentine, single-man; John, single-man and tailor, and Peter, weaver." In 1779 Michael Troutman owned 275 acres of land, six horses, six cattle, and paid seven pounds, thirteen shillings tax, showing that he was a large property owner. It is traditional, and records confirm it, that Hieronimus Troutman had these sons: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1746, died Nov. 1, 1804; Valentine, born June 17, 1752, died April 19, 1823; Johannes, born Feb. 4, 1755, died Dec. 2, 1823; Johann Philip, born Aug. 9, 1758, died Feb. 23, 1830.

Michael Troutman, the eldest of this family, made his will Aug. 3, 1804, and died about three months later. In the will he mentions his wife Susanna, who was to receive the property in Tulpehocken township on which they lived, besides other items. Ample provision was made for her. They had no issue. After leaving a bequest to Host Church of twenty pounds, to care for his grave, Michael Troutman divided the rest of his estate among his brothers, whom he mentioned thus: Valentine, John who had a son Michael, and Philip.

Valentine Troutman served during the Revolution in September, 1776, in Capt. Michael Furrer's company, and was sent to Long Island. He mar-

ried, and among his children was a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, who was born in 1785 and died unmarried in 1804.

Philip Troutman married Magdalena, a born Troutman, possibly a descendant of Abraham, who was a relative of Hieronimus. She was born Feb. 16, 1753, and died Dec. 29, 1834.

All of the above Troutmans are buried at Host church, in the old graveyard adjoining it on the southwest. Many of the gravestones are brown sandstones. Immediately back of the church is an old sandstone on which appears the following inscription:

"Eva Elizabeth Troutman Sei ist gaboren den 6 Januar, im yahr 1716, und starb am 1 Januar in yahr 1794. Bracht ehr alter zu 78 yahr, 4 monat, und 3 tag." This possibly was the wife of the ancestor Hieronimus Troutman, and the mother of the sons before mentioned.

Johannes Troutman, son of the ancestor, was born in 1755 and died in 1823. He was married (first) May 13, 1787, to Maria Elizabeth Hoffman, and (second) to Sybilla Himmelberger, who was born Jan. 7, 1774, and died Nov. 29, 1858. Among his children were: Michael, born Aug. 2, 1787, died July 19, 1840; John Jacob, born May 18, 1791, died March 6, 1862; Elizabeth, born in 1796, died in 1866.

The grandfather of Benjamin F. Troutman, of Shamokin, owned a farm in the Mahantango Valley, along the creek of that name, near Uniontown, in Dauphin county, and there followed farming until his death. His family consisted of seven children, viz.: Daniel, who was killed in 1882 by two Rumberger brothers who wanted to rob him of his money, and who were hanged for the crime at Harrisburg; Elias, who took the homestead in the valley; James B.; Josiah, who served in the Civil war, enlisting twice; and three daughters.

James B. Troutman was born on the homestead in Dauphin county in 1821 and died at Kratztown Sept. 26, 1894, aged seventy-three years, one month, eighteen days. He is buried at St. David's church in Northumberland county. He was a carpenter by trade and also owned a farm near the homestead, where he operated a sawmill and during the winter followed the butchering business, at the time the Molly Maguires were in this section. His wife, Sarah (Seitzel), died in 1873. Their children were as follows: Uriah; David L.; Benjamin F.; Mary, wife of Tobias Wiest, living at Herndon; Malinda, wife of Benjamin Yeager (both deceased); Sarah Ellen, deceased; Syvilla, who married Isaac Daniels; and Catharine, who married Christ Clenistine and lives at Tremont, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Troutman attended the schools in the neighborhood of his birthplace and assisted his father with the farm work until he was eighteen





years old, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, following it for six years. He then engaged in the hotel business, and since 1895 has conducted the Opera House Cafe on Independence street, in the borough of Shamokin, a well known and well patronized business stand, which under his management has held its share of the local patronage. He has built up his business by the most approved methods and is considered one of the substantial men of Shamokin. He has represented the Ninth ward on the school board since 1903, is a member of the I. O. O. F., F. O. E., local Nest of Owls, P. O. S. of A., Liberty Fire Company and Shamokin Auto Club. He is a Republican in political faith, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to St. John's congregation.

On Jan. 8, 1893, Mr. Troutman married Helen F. Bennage, daughter of William Bennage, of Union county, Pa., and they have four children: Florence May, Marion H., Charles Frederick and William L.

Simon Bennech, from whom Mrs. Troutman traces her descent in the paternal line, was thirteen years old when he arrived in America with his family in 1732. His father died on the voyage to America. He settled in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died in 1757, leaving a family. The family is of French Huguenot origin and the name is a notable one in the annals of the Huguenots. The members of the family were scattered by persecution into Switzerland, the Palatinate and England.

**WEAVER.** The Weavers are well known in their long connection with work in the collieries of Shamokin, and the three brothers particularly mentioned in this article, William H., Peter M. and John A. Weaver, employed respectively at the Cameron, Luke Fidler and Bear Valley collieries, are respected citizens of that borough. They are members of an old family of Northumberland county, of German origin, whose first ancestor in this country was Michael Weaver, a native of Wurtemberg. Michael Weaver emigrated to this country in 1769. His first settlement was in Berks county, Pa., where he remained only a short time, however, coming to Northumberland county in 1770 and locating near Liberty Pole, in Rush township. He took up a large tract of land on which he lived to the end of his days, dying there in 1834; he was buried on his farm. During the Revolutionary war he supported the Colonial cause and served in the army seven years. He had married in Germany and had a family of thirteen children, among whom were Martin and Frederick.

Martin Weaver, fourth son of Michael, was born in Rush township in 1770 and died in 1844. He was twice married, and by his first union, to a Miss Hirsh, of Rush township, had three children:

Joseph, who died at Shamokin; Catharine, who married Enoch Howell; and Elizabeth, who married John Yarned. To the second marriage were born five children: Mary, who married Daniel Evert; Rebecca, who married Daniel Rote; William M.; Rosetta; and Solomon, of Sunbury.

Frederick Weaver, the other son of Michael mentioned previously, was born in Rush township and there passed all his life, engaged in farming. He served in the war of 1812. He married Catharine Bockire, who died in 1844, and his death occurred in 1854. He is buried at the Presbyterian church in Rush township. Their children were as follows: Henry; Martin, who married Rebecca Noaker and died in Rush township (they had two children); Philip, who married Mary Hoffman and died in Rush township; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Sallie, who married Levi Miller; Catharine, who married Samuel Gillinger; Mary, who died at Sunbury in 1909, aged eighty-three years; and Peter.

Henry Weaver, son of Frederick, was born in Rush township and followed farming there. Moving to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., he there engaged in the hotel business, which he later carried on at Danville. His next location was at Trevorton, the site of which was then a farm, the buildings consisting of one log house and three old frame houses. He kept the first place of public entertainment there, remaining at Trevorton until his death. He was a prominent man of his day in that section and one of the most interested workers in the establishment of the town, getting up the dinner to promote the sale of town lots.

Mr. Weaver married Catharine Ephlin, daughter of Peter Ephlin, of Rush township, and they became the parents of six children: Larissa, born June 15, 1831, now the widow of Richard Brace, came with her father to Trevorton, was the first school teacher there, and is now the oldest resident of the place; Lorenzo Dow is mentioned below; Lyman died unmarried; Elizabeth married S. B. Ludlow; Ellen B. died unmarried; Alice married Jesse Metz and they reside at Trevorton.

Lorenzo Dow Weaver was born in 1833 near Muncy, Pa., and came to Shamokin, Northumberland county, in 1878. His earlier years were passed at Trevorton, and he followed railroading many years, his run being between his home place and Baltimore. After settling in Shamokin he became a breaker boss at the Bear Valley colliery, holding this position until his death, which occurred July 15, 1894, in his sixty-second year. He was well known in Shamokin and highly respected. In 1853 he married Matilda Metz, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Barndt) Metz, and she made her home in Shamokin with her son William H., where she died April 11, 1910. The following children were born to this union: William Henry, Peter M., Hannibal H., John A., Lyman F., Jesse G., Thom-





as E., Charles A., Elizabeth (wife of Joseph A. Kline, of Trevorton), Mary A., and Ellen R. (wife of William Woolridge).

WILLIAM H. WEAVER, assistant superintendent at the Cameron colliery, Shamokin, was born Oct. 23, 1856, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver. He received his education in the public schools of his native place, and when a young man began work in the mines as a slate picker at the breakers. In time he began to work as fireman at stationary engines, being thus engaged for six years, when he became a stationary engineer. He was employed in that capacity at the mines for fifteen years. For two years afterward he was assistant foreman at the Cameron colliery. Mr. Weaver's next position was that of outside foreman, which he held for four years and six months, in January, 1908, assuming the duties of his present position, that of assistant superintendent at the same colliery. His long retention at the same colliery bespeaks the excellence and value of his services.

On July 31, 1881, Mr. Weaver married Florence L. McGiness, daughter of James P. and Mary A. (Jones) McGiness, the former of whom was a pioneer coal operator in Schuylkill county. Six children have been born to this union: John R. (married Mary Scovack), Rebecca (died in infancy), Lydia (wife of Howard D. Moore, whose children are Margaret A., Florence L. and Howard D., Jr.), William H., Jr., Stephen J. and Daniel D.

Mr. Weaver has been active in religious work as a member of the Chestnut Street Methodist Church, which he has served as steward, trustee and Sunday school superintendent, also taking a prominent part in the Epworth League.

PETER M. WEAVER, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver, was born Oct. 31, 1858, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He was only eight and a half years old when he commenced picking slate at the breaker during the summers, continuing his education in the winter months. Later he tended door in the mines and then learned engineering, at which he was chiefly engaged about the mines, though he was engaged as a regular miner for five years, doing tunnel work and mining. In 1901 he became breaker foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, at Shamokin, which position he has filled to the present time. Mr. Weaver has one hundred men and boys in his charge, and he has proved a responsible man for the work assigned him, having a high reputation for faithful and intelligent work.

On Oct. 16, 1880, Mr. Weaver married Catharine Shuey, daughter of Christian and Mary (Miller) Shuey, and to them have been born fourteen children, nine of whom survive, namely: Joseph A. (married Lizzie Maurer), Annie S., Charlotte M., Emma C., Charles A., George D.,

Jesse W., Florence M. and Thomas. Eugene died in infancy.

Mr. Weaver has done his share in promoting the welfare of the community and is well known in various capacities, having served as a member of the board of school directors of Coal township, and as treasurer of that board. He is a Republican in politics and was committeeman of his district three years. Fraternally he has belonged to the I. O. O. F. since 1877, is treasurer of the Temple Association of the I. O. O. F. and a member of the I. O. O. F. Club. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

JOHN A. WEAVER, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver, was born at Trevorton, this county, March 5, 1863, received a public school education and when old enough found employment at the mines. He fired a boiler one year and for the past twenty-six years has been stationary engineer at the Bear Valley colliery, where he has been employed in all for the long period of thirty-three years, being among the oldest employees at the colliery. His long service and efficient work make him a valued and trusted man, and he has the respect of his employers and fellow workers without reserve.

On Oct. 26, 1883, Mr. Weaver married Sarah Jane McCollum, daughter of Ephraim S. and Sarah Jane (Allvord) McCollum, and they have had a family of ten children, namely: Ephraim S. (married Gertrude Stahl), Minnie (married Francis Goldman), Florence (married Ray Dunkelberger), Tillie (married Frank Gross), George, Edna, Clarence, Elsie, Ethel (deceased), and a son that died in infancy. The family reside at No. 704 West Pine street, Shamokin. Mr. Weaver is a Republican in politics, a member of the Evangelical Church, and an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection.

JOHN E. ALLEN, superintendent of the silk mills at Shamokin conducted by J. H. & C. K. Eagle, has a responsible connection with one of the important industries of the borough, and has been engaged in that line of work practically all his life—ever since he began to earn his own living. He is a native of Paterson, N. J., born Oct. 22, 1872, son of Peter Allen, who was born in England and came to America when a young man. He located at Paterson, N. J., where he was engaged in the silk business.

John E. Allen attended the public schools of his home district, and when a youth of seventeen began to work in a silk mill, on the floor. He was employed at different mills while acquiring his extensive knowledge of the business, and in time entered the employ of Bamford Brothers, at Paterson, as superintendent, remaining with this well known concern for a period of eighteen years. The Bamfords have mills at Paterson and Belvidere, in New Jersey, and at Wilkes-Barre, in Pennsyl-





vania. In April, 1909, Mr. Allen came to Shamokin to assume the duties of his present position at the Eagle mills, where he has proved himself well qualified for his work. He is a self-made man, intelligent, industrious and enterprising, and by close application to his calling has become thoroughly versed in the work in its various branches, being considered a valuable employee.

Mr. Allen is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Warren Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., of Belvidere, N. J., of which he is a past master; to Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and to the Temple Club at Shamokin. In religious connection he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Allen married Ella Cole, of Belvidere, N. J., and they have had three children: Myrta, Roy D. and H. Marion.

**WILLIAM M. YOCH**, one of the most successful bakers in Shamokin, where he is at present running three establishments, is a self-made man, having attained his present substantial position by hard work and thrift. His goods are high-grade and recommend themselves to the best class of patrons in the borough.

Mr. Yoch was born June 10, 1862, at Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., and is of German descent, his father, Herman Yoch, having been born in Saxony, Germany, in 1829. He married Amelia Fischer, like himself a native of Saxony, and they came to America in 1856, locating at Easton, Pa., where he followed his trade, that of slater, which he had learned thoroughly in the old country. In 1871 he came to Shamokin and here also worked as a slater, slating the old St. Edward's and Polish Catholic churches. After spending about twenty years in the Western States he returned to Shamokin, where he is now living retired with his son William. He and his wife have had children as follows: Francis, who lives at Seigfried, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Mary, wife of Clinton Kech, of Allentown, Pa.; William M.; Charles, residing in California; and Herman, who is engaged in the pretzel business in Shamokin.

William M. Yoch came to Shamokin with his parents and when thirteen years old became an apprentice to the baker's trade. In 1886 he went to Richmond, Va., where he was in business for eighteen months, at the end of that time returning to Shamokin, where he has since remained. He began business in the borough in 1889, at No. 70 Chestnut street, where he has since maintained an establishment, having built an addition to the original place as the demands of business made more room necessary. Meantime he has opened two more stores, having one on Spruce street and one on Race street, and now gives employment to twenty men and runs four teams. He is regarded as one of the leading and successful busi-

ness men in the west end of the borough. In his line he is undoubtedly the leader. His business has been built up by honest values and a high class of bakery products, including bread, cakes and pies of all kinds, all made of the best materials, put together by skilled tradesmen. He still supervises the work personally, being just as careful of the good will of his customers now as he was in his struggling days. His equipment has been modernized from time to time to keep pace with the demands of his trade and as improvements have been made in the devices used in the business, and not many years ago he put in a modern Vienna oven and a patent dough mixer. His business is the largest in its line in the borough, and his goods have a wide reputation for being up to the standard in every respect.

Mr. Yoch has devoted practically all of his time to business, and is not active in politics or other local public matters, though he takes the interest in the welfare of the borough which every public-spirited citizen should feel. He is fond of good horses and has several fine driving animals. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

**KIEFFER.** The Kieffers or Keiffers of Washington township, Northumberland county, to which family Abraham Kieffer and Daniel M. Keiffer, both residents of that district, belong, have been located in this part of Pennsylvania for several generations. The family is of French origin, the name in that language being Sonnellier, and they moved from their native France to Zweibruecken, Germany, in the year 1685, coming thence to America in 1732. One Abraham Kieffer is buried in Snyder county, this State.

Abraham Kieffer, the ancestor of the branch here under consideration, was a native of Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., born March 15, 1751, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Washington (then Jackson) township, where he owned a large tract of land, 300 acres. It is now subdivided, and owned by the Rebucks and Krisingers. He followed farming. He died July 15, 1832, and is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a member. There also is the grave of his wife Margaretha, who was born May 15, 1758, and died March 6, 1840. They had sons John and Daniel, and several daughters.

John Kieffer, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 15, 1790, and was a young man when he came from Berks county and located in Washington township. He was a lifelong farmer, but he was also a handy man at mechanical work and made shoes. He was quite a prominent citizen of his district, serving in various local offices, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of the Himmel Church, which he served in different official capacities. He died Dec. 8, 1880. He married Magdalena Heim, daughter of Matthias Heim.





born March 13, 1792, died Aug. 20, 1864. Children as follows were born to this union: Jonathan is mentioned below; John, born Aug. 31, 1829, lived in Washington township, and died Jan. 2, 1864; George lived in Washington township; Peter died young; Elizabeth married Jacob Krebs; Susan married Henry Bohner; Maricha married John Eister; Magdalena married John Hepner; Abraham is mentioned below.

Jonathan Keiffer, son of John, was born on the farm now owned by his son Daniel M. Keiffer, and followed farming practically all his life, though in his earlier manhood he worked as a carpenter at Sunbury. He owned a farm of 110 acres in Washington township, one mile south of Rebuck, one of the best pieces of property in that section, and erected the present set of buildings thereon. The place is an old Kieffer homestead. Mr. Keiffer died June 21, 1902, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twelve days. He was a progressive man, and served his township eighteen years in the office of school director, in that capacity helping to build the five schools now located in the district. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his family were members of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church. He married Sarah A. Kehres, daughter of William Kehres, and she died Oct. 29, 1886, aged forty-three years, five months, eleven days, the mother of nine children: Emanuel, who is now in Nebraska; William J., who died Aug. 1, 1900, aged thirty-four years, eleven months, eleven days; Kate, married to C. B. Hetrick; Mary, widow of Freeman Fertic; Jane, married to Henry Schlegel; Emma, married to Edw. Boyer; Samuel, living in Washington township; George, deceased; and Daniel M. For his second wife Jonathan Keiffer married Louisa Rausch, widow of Adam German, and she survives him, now making her home in Snyder county. She was the mother of several children.

DANIEL M. KEIFFER, son of Jonathan, lives at the old homestead in Washington township, where he is a prosperous farmer and a successful auctioneer. He was born at that place March 22, 1879, received his education in the public schools of the township, and has been engaged at farm work all his life. Until he was eighteen he worked for his parents. Then he entered the employ of John Hetrick, for whom he worked four years, after which he operated the huckster wagon of F. L. Kehres one year. In 1902 he began agricultural pursuits on his own account at the homestead, where he has since remained, having purchased the property in the fall of 1901. It is one of the fertile spots in the Swabian Creek Valley, and Mr. Keiffer has done well in its cultivation. In 1904 Mr. Keiffer began to cry sales, and his services have been in demand for such work ever since, to such an extent that he was auctioneer at thirty sales in the spring of 1909. He is an en-

terprising young man, and holds the respect of all who know him.

On May 25, 1900, Mr. Keiffer married Henrietta Geist, daughter of Daniel and Cecelia (Udegrove) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Stella M. and Norman L. Mr. Keiffer and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has been school director since 1908.

ABRAHAM KIEFFER, another son of John and Magdalena (Heim) Kieffer, is now retired, living on the farm near Rebuck which has been his home for so many years. He was born Nov. 11, 1836, on the homestead of his grandfather Kieffer, in Washington township, received his education in the subscription schools which were the rule during his boyhood, and was reared to farming pursuits. He worked for his parents until he attained his majority, and after his marriage worked five years for his father-in-law, John Schlegel, of Jordan township, eventually settling at his present place. He has a tract of forty-five acres, which he cultivated successfully during his active years, retiring some time ago. This tract was part of a Gonser homestead, and the brick house now standing on the property was built by one Killian Rothermel in 1864.

About 1865 Mr. Kieffer married Mary Jane Schlegel, daughter of John Schlegel, a native of Northumberland county, and granddaughter of William Schlegel, a native of Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Kieffer was born in 1842. She and her husband have four children: William, of Trevorton, Northumberland county; Charles, of Elizabethville, Dauphin county, where he carries on a hotel; Alice, wife of Daniel Treon; and Mary Agnes, married to O. S. Dunkelberger. The family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church, and Mr. Kieffer has always been regarded as one of the most worthy and zealous members of the congregation, which he served in official capacities almost continuously in his active years, having been deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, and has served as tax collector of Washington township.

PAUL DUROVCIK, hotel-keeper of Mount Carmel, has conducted his present stand at No. 123 North Market street since 1894. He is a native of Austria-Hungary and the acknowledged leader of his countrymen in Mount Carmel and vicinity, a man of substantial worth as a citizen of his adopted country and respected by all who know him.

Mr. Duroveik was born in Austria Dec. 8, 1866, in the town of Lucka. His father, also named Paul, was a farmer in Austria and died in that country. The son came to America when sixteen years old and spent his first three years here in





New York City, arriving at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., June 7, 1885. Here he has since made his home. He followed mining about nine years, in 1894 engaging in the hotel business at No. 123 North Market street, where he is still located, having established a steady and lucrative trade. Mr. Duroveik has acquired other interests as his prosperity enabled him to invest elsewhere, and he was one of the organizers of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which he serves as director. He has twice represented his ward (the Second) in the borough council as the Republican candidate, having been first elected in 1907 and reelected in 1910. Mr. Duroveik belongs to the local lodge of Elks, to the Red Men and the Owls, being treasurer of the local organization of the latter society. He is very prominent in the various Slavic societies, and is a member of the Slavic Reformed Church, in the work of which he takes a leading part.

On Jan. 17, 1888, Mr. Duroveik married Anna Dovei, like himself a native of Austria, and they have a family of five children: Paul, Jr., Annie, Mary, John and Agnes.

**GEORGE H. LENKER**, farmer of Washington township, was born Feb. 14, 1851, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Peter Lenker. He is a descendant of Adam or John Adam Lenker, a native of Switzerland, who was one of the pioneer settlers in this region, locating in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. The original homestead upon which he settled was the farm now owned by David Bohner. He was born Dec. 12, 1765, and died March 24, 1834, and is buried at the Zion Church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer) and Mary (married William Schaffer).

Jacob Lenker, son of Adam, was born in Germany, landed at Philadelphia upon his emigration to America, and soon afterward settled in the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, Pa., where he owned a large farm which he cultivated successfully. He built a sawmill, which he operated in connection with his agricultural work, and was a prosperous man. In religion he was a Lutheran, as are most of his descendants (a few being members of the Evangelical Association), and he and his son Jacob, as well as Peter Lenker, father of George H., are buried at the Stone Valley Church in Lower Mahanoy township. He served his adopted country as a soldier. He and his wife, Anna (Feldy), had children as follows: Peter; Jacob; Simon; Jonathan; Philip; Mrs. Jacob Hepner; Mrs. John Shaffer; and Mrs. Seaman. The son Jacob obtained the homestead, where he

lived and died, and like his father followed farming and operated the sawmill.

Peter Lenker, father of George H. Lenker, was born on the old homestead in Lower Mahanoy township, and died in the house in which he was born, though he had passed many years of his life elsewhere. He was a lifelong farmer, and at one time owned a farm, later renting the land he cultivated. For thirteen years he lived near Line Mountain post office, in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a member of the Stone Valley Church, where as above stated he is buried. His first wife, Susanna Bobb, was the mother of twelve children, viz.: John, Magdalena, Peter, Nicholas, Adam, Michael, and six who died young. His second marriage was to Esther Hetrich, daughter of George Hetrich, and to this union were born six children: Daniel died aged nineteen years; Lydia is unmarried; Simon died when eleven years old; George H. is mentioned below; Benjamin lives in Lower Augusta township; Rebecca died when six years old.

George H. Lenker had three months of instruction in the old-fashioned subscription schools formerly conducted in this section, but he was educated principally in the public schools, which he attended off and on until he was of age. He was trained from youth to farming, and in 1871 began that occupation for himself in Washington township, where he has since continued to live. He owns eighty acres of cleared land and fifteen acres of woodland, and built a substantial house on his property in 1897. The barn was built by the Zerings about 1870. Mr. Lenker is an intelligent and progressive citizen, and though he has devoted his attention to his work and cultivated his land profitably he has found time to take part in the administration of local affairs. For twelve years he served as auditor of his township, and after that became school director, in which office he has served continuously since 1895, having been reelected five times. He is a Democrat in political opinion. He and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's Church, which he has served as deacon, being much interested in the welfare of the church.

In 1871 Mr. Lenker married Henrietta Carl, daughter of John and Catharine (Diener) Carl, natives of Pike township, Berks Co., Pa., and they have a family of seven children: Hiram O., who lives at Lavelle, Schuylkill county; Charles M., of Shamokin; Alice R., wife of George Thomas, of Jackson township; Nathan H., of Mowry, Schuylkill county; George C., of Allentown, Pa.; Isaac I., of Washington township; and Henrietta R., who married Monroe Bobb, of Washington township.

**JOHN B. SEYER**, of Shamokin, chief dyer at the J. H. & C. K. Eagle silk factory, located in that borough, is a man of the widest experience in



his line, gained in the foremost establishments of this country, and is himself interested in the business as vice president of the Garfield Silk Dyeing & Finishing Company, of Garfield (Passaic), N. J. All his active years have been given to this line of industry, in which he is a noted authority, known to the trade all over the United States.

Mr. Seyer was born in 1866 in France, from which country his father, also John B. Seyer, brought his family to America in 1870. He made a home at Paterson, N. J., where he died. There the son received his education in the public schools, and there he began to learn his present business in the plant of the Weidmann Silk Dyeing Company, the largest dyeing house in the United States. So thoroughly did he master the work that he was made foreman in this establishment, holding that responsible position for a period of nineteen years, at the end of which time he formed a connection with Ashley & Bailey, another important concern at Paterson, taking charge of their plant for seven years. In company with other men he then organized the Garfield Silk Dyeing and Finishing Company, of Garfield, N. J., of which he is vice-president, and of whose plant he had charge for two years, leaving to enter the establishment of the Standard Silk Company, at Phillipsburg, N. J. In July, 1909, he came to Shamokin, to enter upon his duties as chief dyer at the Eagle plant. Mr. Seyer has about one hundred and twenty-five employees under his charge in the dye house, which is one of the most completely equipped plants of the kind in the country. The Eagle silk factory, though one of the more recently established industrial plants of Shamokin, has from the first been regarded as an important factor in local business prosperity, and Mr. Seyer's work has done much toward making its product popular and in steady demand. His skill, taste and ingenuity make him one of the most valuable of the clever men associated with this concern who have placed its goods among the most desirable on the market.

Mr. Seyer is well known in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Falls City Lodge, No. 82; Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Jersey City Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Salaam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the latter connection also belonging to the Temple Club at Shamokin. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Shamokin Automobile Club.

In 1891 Mr. Seyer married Adeline Ferry, and they have two children, Blanche and Henry.

**FRANKLIN A. NEWCOMER**, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, represents the third generation of his family in that section, his grandfather, Philip Newcomer, a native of Pennsylvania, having owned and occupied a farm

in that township long known as the Newcomer farm. It consisted of about one hundred acres. He married Elizabeth Lantz, of Turbut township, and in 1864 took his family out to Iowa, making the trip by team. The journey occupied three months, and they crossed only one railroad track—one of the old-fashioned kind, with wooden rails. Mr. Newcomer took up land in Iowa and there spent the remainder of his life, dying there. He and his wife had a large family, viz.: John Samuel, Daniel, Susan (Mrs. Thomas Stover), Emanuel, Levi (who served as a captain during the Civil war, from Iowa), Philip, Margaret (Mrs. Aaron Costenbador), Kate (married Edw. Kelly), Annie (Mrs. Woodwring), Joseph, and four others not named.

John Samuel Newcomer, son of Philip, was the father of Franklin A. Newcomer. He was born June 3, 1825, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and there grew to manhood. When the family moved out to Iowa he accompanied them, but not caring for the country returned to his native township, where he subsequently bought his father-in-law's farm, which he cultivated until his death. He died there Sept. 6, 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-three, and is buried at Milton. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. He married Matilda Jacoby, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Bachman) Jacoby, and they reared a family of three children: Elizabeth C., who is the wife of Isaac Seers, and resides in Milton; Hattie M., who married Charles C. Gast and lives in Milton (their children are John N. and Helen M.); and Franklin A.

Franklin A. Newcomer was born Dec. 31, 1866, at the place where he still resides, and obtained his education in the public schools of that locality and in Milton high school and Milton Academy, the latter institution taught by the able Professor Schneider. He then taught for one year at the Ireland schoolhouse in Turbut township, after which he turned his attention to teaching music, both vocal and instrumental, being thus engaged until 1897. He made a success of his professional work, but for a number of years he has devoted his principal attention to farming. In 1897 he located at the old home with his father and farmed for him, and in the fall of 1908 he bought the property. He makes a specialty of truck raising, and attends the Milton markets. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of Turbut Grange, interested in all affairs that affect the welfare of his locality, and one of the progressive, intelligent citizens of his section. In religious connection he is a Lutheran, a well known member of Christ Church at Milton, which he served as organist for a period of sixteen years. Mr. Newcomer is independent on political questions, supporting the best men and measures without regard to party.





In 1892 Mr. Newcomer married Jennie L. Clewell, daughter of Godfrey William and Catharine (Artley) Clewell, and to them have been born two children, Franklin C. and John William.

The Clewell family is of French Huguenot origin, and the family history is very complete. Jacob Clewell, Mrs. Newcomer's grandfather, was born May 13, 1783, and on Oct. 16, 1808, married Sarah Miller, who was born March 8, 1785. They lived at Catawissa, Pa., where they were farming people. Their children were born as follows: Catharine, Jan. 11, 1812; Jacob, Jan. 3, 1815; Sarah, Oct. 11, 1817; Daniel, Oct. 18, 1818; Mariam, Feb. 4, 1821; Mathias, Jan. 20, 1822; Lovina, Aug. 19, 1825; Godfrey William, Jan. 8, 1828.

Godfrey William Clewell, son of Jacob, was during his active years a successful farmer in Montour county, near the Northumberland county line. He is now living retired at Milton. He married Catharine Artley, and to them were born three children, Jennie L. (Mrs. Franklin A. Newcomer), William and Artley. The two sons are farmers in Liberty township, Montour county, the father having divided his farm between them, each one having his own tract.

**WYNN.** John Wynn, said to be a native of New Jersey, was a pioneer settler of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was of Welsh extraction. Prior to May 18, 1818, he came to Northumberland county, and settled on the farm now owned by his grandson, David S. Wynn. This tract was originally taken up by warrant by John and Margaret Snyder. On May 18, 1818, John "Win," as his name appears in the deed, purchased these eighty-two acres for \$659.69. Here he erected the first set of buildings, of logs. The log house stood until about 1880, when it was razed by David S. Wynn. He and his wife Elizabeth probably were Baptists, as all their children were of that faith. Elizabeth Wynn was the first person buried in the Augusta Baptist church cemetery. Her husband is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. They had these children: Samuel, Annias, John, Jr., Mathias (settled out West), Byram (settled out West), and Sallie (married John Van Sant, who was a merchant in Rockefeller township).

In 1847 John Wynn, Sr., sold his farm to his son Samuel D. On the deed conveying this land to the son the pioneer wrote his name in plain English John "Wynn."

Samuel D. Wynn, son of John, was born in Lower Augusta township Jan. 24, 1795, and died on his farm April 27, 1878. His wife Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Shipman, died Feb. 3, 1890, aged eighty-four years, five months, ten days, and they are buried at the Augusta Baptist cemetery. They were Baptists, and members of that church,

of which he was a deacon many years. Earlier in life he was a millwright, and followed his trade throughout eastern Pennsylvania. Later he farmed in Lower Augusta on the homestead. He was a Democrat. The following were their nine children: Reuben died at Sunbury, Pa.; Rachel married Edw. Trowbridge; Jacob lives at Lykens, Pa.; Mary married John Townsend; Barbara married Charles Sarvis; Emma married Samuel Snyder; David S. is mentioned below; Sarah J. married Adam Wynn, a cousin; Susanna married John Orendorf.

Annias Wynn, son of John, was born in Lower Augusta township, where he also died. His wife, Elizabeth (White), was born Oct. 27, 1809, and died Sept. 26, 1863. Both are buried in the Baptist cemetery. Elizabeth White was a daughter of Robert White, an Englishman, who after being in America some years returned to his native country, and there enlisted in the English navy. Annias Wynn was a deacon of the Baptist church, of which he was a member for sixty years. He was a farmer, and owned the tract now owned by Samuel Still. He and his wife had twelve children, namely: Susanna; Sarah, who married William Conrad; John G., who died Sept. 2, 1897, aged sixty-four years, three months, nine days (his wife Lydia died Oct. 3, 1901, aged fifty-five years, eight months, eighteen days); Lafayette; Oscar T., who married Ellen Kritz; William, who married Annie Welker; Jane, Mrs. Reuben Conrad; Luscious C., deceased, who married Annie Spotts; Annias, who served in the regular army and who was never married; Silas H., who married Orilla E. Shipman (died Nov. 30, 1883, aged twenty-six years, one month, fourteen days) and (second) Maggie Obetz; and Mary and Samuel, both of whom died young.

John Wynn, Jr., son of John, was a farmer in Lower Augusta township. He was born Feb. 10, 1797, and died Oct. 8, 1875. His wife, Betzy Snyder, is buried in Kansas. They had children: Adam, Stephen, Chambers (his wife's name was Mary; their daughter Lydia died Feb. 2, 1861, aged one year, eleven months, fourteen days, and their daughter Amanda, born May 26, 1854, died Jan. 20, 1858), Albert, Jemima, Martha J. (born March 27, 1850, died Feb. 7, 1872), Mary and Samantha.

Lafayette Wynn, son of Annias, is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was born Aug. 28, 1835. During the Civil war he was a soldier in Company I, 58th Pennsylvania Infantry, under Col. J. Riter Jones, of Philadelphia, and he participated in many engagements and was shot through the left shoulder. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and was discharged Nov. 21, 1865. After the war he worked six years in the lumber woods, and railroaded for twenty-two years. In 1892 he purchased his





eighty-four-acre farm in Lower Augusta, on which he has lived since 1903. Mr. Wynn was married three times. His first wife, Elizabeth M. J. Lytle, died Aug. 31, 1868, the mother of three children, George, Robert and Elmer. By his second marriage, to Maggie Haupt, he had two children, Peter and Edward. His third marriage, in 1885, was to Mary C. Smith, by whom he had one child, Arthur.

David S. Wynn, son of Samuel D., was born May 17, 1844, near Fishers Ferry. When nineteen he began railroading, which he followed six years. In 1870 he purchased the original Wynn homestead where he has since lived and farmed. He is a Democrat, has been supervisor, and school director, and has been an active member of the Baptist Church, since 1899 serving as a deacon. Since 1900 he has been Sunday school superintendent, and in 1909 he was elected president of the Sunday School Association, which is an auxiliary of the County Sunday School Association. On April 28, 1870, he married Henrietta, daughter of William Randall, of Centre county, Pa. She died Feb. 13, 1887, aged twenty-seven years, ten months, nine days, the mother of children as follows: Jasper, Frank, Molly, Rachel, Charles and Henrietta. Mr. Wynn's second marriage, on May 4, 1888, was to Ellen, daughter of John and Sarah (Bowman) Geiswhite, of Dauphin county, Pa. They have six children: Clayton, Alice, Warren, Eva, Joseph and Catharine.

**FREDERICK W. WOLF**, proprietor of Wolf's Restaurant, at Milton, Pa., and one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of that town, was born there March 24, 1868, son of Frederick W. Wolf, Sr. His grandfather came to America from Germany, and settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where he followed the baker's trade. He died there leaving two sons, Frederick W. and William, the latter of whom resides in Philadelphia.

Frederick W. Wolf, Sr., was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 26, 1838, and came to America about 1859, settling in Mercer county, N. J. On March 4, 1866, in Philadelphia, he married Mary Elizabeth Gehring, who was born April 18, 1841, in Halle, Westphalia, Germany. He and his wife came to Milton in 1867, and went into the baking business on Mahoning street, near the old canal bridge. In 1872 they removed their place of business to South Front street, near the river bridge, and there they continued. Mr. Wolf died Oct. 28, 1877, and his wife on Aug. 27, 1907, and both are buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. During the Civil war Mr. Wolf enlisted as a baker, and served until the close of the war. He was a Democrat in politics, and his religious connection was with the German Lutheran Church. His children were: Frederick W.; Lulu, born in Milton June 10, 1870, who married

Lewis Young, of Philadelphia, and has a daughter, Fay; and Maria, born at Milton July 29, 1872, who married A. S. Miller, of Milton.

Frederick W. Wolf attended the schools at Milton, and then found employment with the Shimmers, the Godcharleses and in the Milton car shops. He began his restaurant business in 1892, the next year buying the property, which is located at the corner of South Front and River bridge, and was once the old tollhouse. Mr. Wolf has greatly improved the place and has made it up-to-date in every particular. He is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Milton.

Mr. Wolf married Hettie Wetzel, and they have had three children, Margaret, Frederick W. and Lulu. Mr. Wolf is a member of the F. O. E. and the P. O. S. of A. In politics he is a staunch upholder of Democratic principles. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

**WARREN UNGER**, the proprietor of the large hardware establishment at Nos. 309-313 Spruce street, Shamokin, is one of the enterprising business men and public-spirited citizens of that thriving borough. He was born in Dauphin county, Pa., April 7, 1868, son of Daniel and Huldah (Raker) Unger.

Christian Unger emigrated to America in the ship "Edinburgh," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1752. In 1756 he was a taxable resident of Greenwich township, Berks county. His children were: Michael, a taxable in Greenwich township in 1759; John, who went to Shamokin, Pa.; Herman, who married Elizabeth Keim, and reared a family; one son (name unknown) who settled in Maryland; Susanna, who married John Schappel; Elizabeth, who married George Heffley; and a daughter who married Christian Reeser.

John Unger, son of Christian, was born in Berks county, and first followed farming near Hamburg. He came to Northumberland county in 1812, by wagon, and settled in Shamokin township, three miles west of Paxinos. Here he took up about 300 acres of land in the woods, and built a house and hotel. The stage stopped at his hotel to feed the horses and spend the night, and the hostelry became known throughout the country. Mr. Unger died in 1847, and was buried at the Blue Church, in Ralpho township. He was twice married, and his children were: Solomon; Jacob; George; John; Annie, who married Andrew Knerr; Elizabeth, who married John Fegley; Catharine, who married Joseph Hill; and Sallie, who married Charles Foy.

Jacob Unger, son of John, was born in 1802 in Berks county, and came to this county with his father. He followed farming in Shamokin township, and there owned a farm. He died in 1881, and is buried at the Blue church. He married Catharine Rose, who died in 1877. Their



children were: John; Maria, who married William Mattres; Margaret, who married Bastian Artley; Harriet and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried; Catharine, who married Solomon Rockefeller; and Daniel.

Daniel Unger, son of Jacob, was born in Shamokin township Dec. 25, 1838, and followed farm work until he was eighteen. He then went to Sunbury and learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for several years, and at different times while engaged in farming. He sold out in 1897 to his sons, and retired from active life. He is the only one of his generation living. Mr. Unger served in the Union army during the Civil war. He married Huldah Raker, daughter of George and Mary (Oxheimer) Raker, and their children were: (1) William H., born June 24, 1864, was educated in the common schools, Elysburg Academy, and Central Pennsylvania College, at New Berlin, Union county, graduating from the latter in 1887. He read law with W. H. M. Oram, of Shamokin, was admitted to the bar in September, 1890, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. In politics he is a Republican, and from 1885 to 1889 was a member of the county committee. He was formerly vice-president and is now president of the Market Street National Bank, Shamokin. In 1890, he was elected to the borough council. On April 16, 1890, he married Ella Malick, daughter of Emanuel and Hannah Malick, of Shamokin. (2) George C., born Oct. 13, 1865, was educated in the common schools. In 1883 he entered the employ of A. Raker, and learned the tinner's trade, and now is in the hardware business at Lebanon, Pa. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the S. of V. In 1887 he married Clara E. Smink, and they have nine children, of whom are mentioned Edith L., Clarence and one deceased. In politics Mr. Unger is a Republican. (3) Warren is mentioned below. (4) Della married Leonard H. Adams, and lives at Shamokin. (5) Henry H. is a druggist at Shamokin. (6) U. Grant is an attorney.

Warren Unger attended the public schools and Central Pennsylvania College in 1888. He learned the tinner's trade, and became a member of the firm of W. H. Unger & Co. In 1898 he purchased his brother's interests, and has since branched out, doubling the stock and increasing the facilities, adding a sanitary plumbing and steam fitting department, and doing electrical work. In 1905 he built a large warehouse at Arch and Fifth streets for his reserve stock, and for storing stoves and household goods. It is one of the best equipped stores of the kind in the county. He employs sixteen to eighteen men.

Mr. Unger is interested in other enterprises, and is agent for the Reo automobiles. He was a director of the Shamokin and Coal township Light, Heat & Power Company, but sold his inter-

est in 1908. He is a director of the Market Street National Bank. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks and the P. O. S. of A., and is a director in the latter.

Mr. Unger married Eliza Walters, daughter of Samuel Walters, of Shamokin, and they have four children: Blanch, Foster, Ruth and Edna. The family attend the United Evangelical Church.

DAVID A. FEGLEY, of Sunbury, who conducts a plumbing and heating business, is a young man of substantial qualities who has made a position for himself in the commercial circles of the borough by application and energy, and he deserves the good standing he enjoys. He was born May 23, 1873, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and has lived in Sunbury since 1891.

Jonathan Fegley, great-grandfather of David A. Fegley, lived in the Mahanoy Valley in this county. His children were: Jacob, John, Samuel, Moses, Polly and Sarah.

Jacob Fegley, son of Jonathan, was born in Stone Valley, Northumberland county, and was one of the well-to-do and well known men of his district. He followed milling, and owned three farms in Rockefeller township, dying upon one of his farms. He is buried at Lantz's Church. In religion he was a member of the Reformed Church, in politics a Democrat. To him and his wife Catharine (Schlegel), daughter of Daniel Schlegel, were born the following children: Louisa, William, Peter, David (living in Sunbury), Mary, Sevilla and Simon.

William Fegley, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 1, 1843, in the Mahanoy Valley, and followed farming in Rockefeller township, where he passed the greater part of his life. In 1896 he came to Sunbury, where he lived in retirement until his death, June 14, 1902. He is buried at Lantz's Church. Like his father he belonged to the Reformed denomination, and he took an active part in church affairs. Politically he was a Democrat. On Dec. 25, 1866, he married Catharine Keefer, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, and she survives him, making her home in Sunbury. Six children were born to this union: Laura, who is the wife of Eben Martz; George, of Perry, Iowa; David A.; Elizabeth, wife of William Fetter; Peter, of Lower Augusta township; and Turabell, wife of Charles Fahrensworth.

David A. Fegley obtained his education in the public schools of his native township, and was employed there, upon his father's farm, until he came to Sunbury in 1891. Entering the employ of I. J. Reitz, he remained with him for thirteen years, learning the plumbing business thoroughly, and since leaving Mr. Reitz's employ has been in business on his own account. He is located at No. 25 South Seventh street, Sunbury. Mr. Fegley has one rule from which he never departs, to





do his best to please his customers, and the large trade he has built up has been founded principally upon that basis. He is thorough in his work, and honorable in his financial transactions, and is highly respected among his business associates.

On Nov. 8, 1891, Mr. Fegley married Annie A. Ellenberger, daughter of John H. and Mary Jane (Geib) Ellenberger. They have no children. Mr. Fegley is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 620, of Sunbury, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

**FRANK X. KLAUS**, of Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, is proprietor of the "American House" at that place and in that and other associations well known in his section of Northumberland county, being one of the local leaders of the Democratic party. His hotel stand is the leading place of the kind at Locust Gap.

Mr. Klaus was born at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., June 4, 1867, son of Frank Klaus. The father was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man, settling in Schuylkill county, where he lived at Minersville and St. Clair. In 1873 he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, and where he died in 1889; he is buried at Locust Gap. His wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Hipp, is still living at Locust Gap, now (1910) aged seventy-six years. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Catherine (deceased), Stephen (deceased), Edward (deceased), Frank X., Joseph (deceased), Michael, Martha, Theresa, Rossie, Matilda and Mary.

Frank X. Klaus worked at the mines for a number of years before entering his present line of business. He began as a slate picker when but eight years old, afterward worked as door tender and was employed in different capacities inside, in time becoming boss loader inside. After two years at that he left the mines to engage in the hotel business, in 1896, and since 1900 he has been at his present location. The "American House" is on the Helfenstein road, across the bridge, and is well patronized, Mr. Klaus having the custom of a substantial element in his community.

As a leading worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party Mr. Klaus is well known in the township and county, having served as county committeeman and as delegate to the State convention. He has served two terms (six years) as school director of Mount Carmel township, and during that time was president of the board one year and treasurer two years. Socially he belongs to the Eagles (at Mount Carmel) and the Foresters. He is a member of the Catholic Church and also of the Holy Name Society.

By his first marriage Mr. Klaus has a son, Francis Joseph. His second marriage was to Margaret T. Melody.

**SIEGFRIED WASHINGTON ZIMMERMAN**, of Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, comes of a family which for many years has been identified with Berks and Schuylkill counties.

Sebastian Zimmerman, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, whence when a boy he moved with his father, who, it would appear, had a farm at the upper end of the Deep creek, where Sebastian was reared. He was a weaver by trade, and owned a loom, but he was likewise a prosperous farmer, owning several farms in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. The one there on which he lived was formerly owned by Benjamin Peifer and is now owned by a Hepler; another was owned by Jacob and Abraham Blasler, of Herndon, until 1907. Removing to Cameron township, Northumberland county, he lived there some years, moving to the Mahantango valley, where he farmed until his death. He was a foremost member of the Lutheran congregation of Salem Church, known as Herb Church, located near Rough and Ready, serving as elder and trustee, and he and his wife are buried at that church. During the war of 1812 he was a soldier, and he was one of the pensioners of that war. Sebastian Zimmerman married Elizabeth Klock, daughter of Peter Klock, and they had children as follows: Joseph, a farmer, who settled at Red Bank, Jefferson Co., Pa., was twice married and had children; Elizabeth married a Bliss; Catharine married George C. Peifer; Salome married Mr. Kline, and they moved to Jefferson county; Lydia married a Snyder; Sebastian, born in 1829, lives at Sunbury, this county; George is mentioned below; Esther married Joel Daniel.

George Zimmerman, son of Sebastian, was born in Schuylkill county, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he entered the army. During the Civil war he was drafted for nine months' service, and at the expiration of this term enlisted for three years, from the Mahantango Valley. He was shot while on picket duty and removed to the hospital on Long Island, where he died six weeks after being wounded; he is buried on Long Island.

Mr. Zimmerman married Elizabeth Harter, daughter of Matthias Harter, whose wife's name was Eister. Mrs. Zimmerman is buried at Little Mahanoy. Five children were born to them: S. Washington; Fietta, who died young; Joel, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, of Cass county, Mo.; and Monroe, of Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

Siegfried Washington Zimmerman, son of George, was born Sept. 18, 1855, in the Mahantango valley, Schuylkill county. He received his education in the common schools and when eighteen years old took up the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1872 he had come to Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland





county, living at Dornsife, in that township, until his marriage. He became boss carpenter, and for some years was busy erecting houses and barns in Shamokin, Sunbury and the surrounding districts. Since April, 1909, he has been engaged as carpenter for the Trevorton Coal Land Company. He has prospered at his trade, and owns real estate at Sunbury, where he built a house in 1908 at the corner of State and Broad streets. His large frame residence near Hunter Station (on the Reading railroad), in Little Mahanoy township, he erected in the fall of 1889, and has occupied it ever since. Mr. Zimmerman has served the township as assessor for twelve years, and as school director for three years. He is a Democrat in political affiliation.

On June 7, 1878, Mr. Zimmerman married Alice Peifer, daughter of Elias Peifer, and they have had two children, George Elmer and Harvey Clayton. George Elmer Zimmerman is a lumber merchant at Shamokin; he married Carrie Dunkelberger and has one child, C. Myrtle. Harvey Clayton Zimmerman, a student at the institution at New Berlin, Pa., taught music before taking up his classical course. Mr. Zimmerman and his family are Lutheran members of Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at Little Mahanoy, of which he was deacon eight years and elder two years. They have also been active in the work of the Sunday school, in which he has been a teacher from boyhood, was at one time treasurer, secretary for some years and superintendent for a number of years. Thus it will be seen that his usefulness has carried him into several fields of general interest, in all of which he has done his share as a good member of society.

CHARLES F. REICK, of the Monarch Steam Laundry, Shamokin, has established a standard for excellence in his line which would make him a successful competitor for the patronage of any community. The support his enterprise has received shows how well his up-to-date methods and high-class work are appreciated. Mr. Reick's experience in the matter of laundry equipment prior to his entering the business on his own account gave him a distinct advantage at the start, but his continued success should be credited to his own efforts.

Mr. Reick was born at Trevorton, Northumberland county, Sept. 2, 1858, son of George Reick, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America in 1840. In his native land George Reick was engaged as foreman in a silk mill. On coming to America he landed at New York, but came on to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he began mining, an occupation which he continued to follow until his death. In 1849 he moved to Trevorton, making a permanent home there. He died Jan. 5, 1869. His wife, Catherine (Fisher), died

at Williamsport, Pa. They had the following children: George, William, Dora, Polly, Amelia, Charles F., and three who died in infancy.

Charles F. Reick received his education in the public schools of Trevorton. He was only a boy when he commenced work in the mines, being employed at the North Franklin and Red Ash collieries. He followed this work until he was twenty years old, when he went to Ashland with William Lauderfield, with whom he learned the carpenter's trade. Going to Williamsport, he was engaged by the Williamsport Furniture Company for one year, after which he commenced carpentering and building on his own account at that place, continuing it for some time. He next entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as a bridge builder. Returning to Williamsport, he became foreman for A. A. Artley, a well known contractor, with whom he was associated for five years, since when he has been identified with the laundry business. Entering the service of the Lloyd Laundry and Shirt Manufacturing Company, at Williamsport, he continued with that concern for the long period of twenty-two years, during which time his work took him into twenty-seven States, principally in the South. For six years he was at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Reick's specialty was the equipment and establishment of laundries, in which he was very successful, his judgment in the requirements of such plants being found most reliable by all who trusted to it. He has, in all, fitted up twenty-eight laundries, the success of which has demonstrated the practical value of his ideas in this field of industry. In 1902 he located on his father-in-law's farm at Catawissa, Pa., but after three years he returned to his old line, in 1905 settling in Shamokin, where he has since run the Monarch Steam Laundry, having leased it from F. A. Schreadley in April, 1905. Under his management the equipment of this plant is naturally the most convenient known to the trade. With his wide knowledge of laundry machinery he was able to select the most reliable and economical devices invented for turning out the finest grade of work, with the result that Shamokin has exceptional laundry facilities, such as are enjoyed by few places of its size, and which can be excelled nowhere. The Monarch Steam Laundry is the best equipped plant of its size in the State, Mr. Reick having built and fitted every part of it himself, from the dry room to the laying of the steam pipes, the setting of the boiler and the installing of the machinery, no expense having been spared in any department. He had had the task of establishing it, two years before he became the lessee, so that he knew exactly what he was doing when it came into his hands. The equipment includes two 250-shirt washers, an extractor, Bishop starcher, thirty-gallon starch kettle, body ironer, neckband and



wristband ironer, collar shaper, economic collar and cuff starcher, forty-inch five-roll Hagan mangle and cuff machine, Hagan bosom ironer and a 100-inch five-roll Hagan mangle with a capacity of ten thousand pieces a day. A Hercules dry room, built after Mr. Reick's own plans, will dry 1,500 collars or 100 shirts in twelve minutes. The upper floors of the plant are devoted to the cleaning of woolen blankets and lace curtains. Employment is given to eleven people. The best supplies are used and the utmost care is taken in the handling of all pieces, with the result that the laundry enjoys high popularity and corresponding prosperity.

Mr. Reick married Mary Bude, daughter of Augustus Bude, of Catawissa, Pa., and they have had three children, Martha, Edna and George. The eldest daughter, Martha, is the wife of Thomas Nolan, and has had three children, William (deceased), Herbert T. and Rosie. Mr. Reick and his family live upon his stock farm of fifty-eight acres at Paxinos. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

*Not* MARTIN LUTHER HENDRICKS, deceased, who until his death had been engaged in business in Sunbury from 1880 as a wholesale dealer in wines and liquors, was also well known as the owner of one of the largest and finest collections of Indian relics in his section of Pennsylvania. The house in which he lived has been remodeled and improved, but it is the oldest dwelling in Sunbury, having been built in 1775. He was of the fourth or fifth generation of his family to reside in this region, his great-grandfather, Tobias Hendrick, having come to Snyder county from York county, Pa., in an early day, and Fort Hendrick, at Kreamer, Snyder county, was named after his father.

Samuel Hendrick, son of Tobias, was born in Penn township, Northumberland (now Snyder) Co., Pa., and is buried at Row's church, in Snyder county, to which he gave twenty acres of ground with the provision that "no Hendrick should be refused burial in the cemetery of Row's Church." The transfer of the deed is recorded in the courthouse at Sunbury. Samuel Hendrick was a prosperous farmer, owning a large tract which is now divided into three farms, all lying around Row's church. He married Elizabeth DeWees, who long survived him, and who upon her second marriage, to George Boger, sold the homestead (to a man named Look) and moved to Sunbury. Samuel and Elizabeth Hendrick had one son, Benjamin, the father of Martin Luther Hendricks. The members of the Hendricks family generally have been tall and of athletic build.

Benjamin Hendricks, son of Samuel, was born in Snyder county Sept. 25, 1811, received a common school education, and learned the trade of

cigarmaker. He was quite young when he went to Sunbury, in 1824, living there in a house which stood near the present site of the residence of John Haas. His active years were spent principally at farming, merchandising and the manufacture of lime, and he prospered, at one time owning what is known as the Hunter farm, on which Fort Augusta was located, and also owning a good plantation in Caroline county, Va., which he bought after the Civil war. After his wife's death he lived on that property with his son, dying there in 1883. He was a director of the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre Railroad Company during the construction of its road, which is now owned by the Pennsylvania Company, retaining that connection until the road came under the new ownership.

Benjamin Hendricks married Ann Maria Shindel, who was born in Sunbury, Pa., daughter of Rev. John Peter Shindel, and she died Dec. 9, 1877, aged sixty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury. They were members of the Lutheran Church. To them were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters, viz.: Samuel S. is deceased; William M. is deceased; Jacob S. is a resident of Virginia; Elizabeth D. married Hon. S. P. Wolverton, one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland county; Martin Luther is mentioned below; Susan Ann died at Allentown, of spotted fever; Louisa married M. R. Hemperly, a photographer, of Philadelphia; Mary S. (deceased) married Samuel Faust, of Sunbury; Catharine Y. died young; Isaac N. is a resident of Sunbury; John Peter S. is deceased; Ann Maria makes her home with her sister Mrs. Wolverton.

Martin Luther Hendricks was born June 4, 1843, in Sunbury, and there began his education in the pay schools which were common in his boyhood. Later he went to what is now Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, and to Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, graduating from the latter institution in 1872. Since then he had been a resident of Sunbury, and in 1880 became engaged in the wholesale liquor business, being the first dealer of the kind in the borough. In that year he and his brother-in-law, B. F. Bright, became associated under the business name of B. F. Bright, and were in business together until Mr. Bright's death, in July, 1907, after which Mr. Hendricks carried on the business alone until his death. He carried a large and well assorted stock of wines and liquors, and had a large trade, built up by straight dealing and honorable business methods. Mr. Hendricks' death occurred June 21, 1911, at his home in Sunbury.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Hendricks was the possessor of one of the largest and finest collections of Indian relics possessed by any one in his section, about twenty thousand specimens in





all, and his collections of beads, bracelets and similar articles is the largest owned by any one person in Pennsylvania. Northumberland county was the home of Shikellimy, the most famous Indian chief of his day, and Mr. Hendricks was always deeply interested in his story and in local history generally, especially of the early days, when the red men were still in this section. In 1858 he dug up the remains of the famous chief, who had been interred above Fort Augusta, the public road now passing over the site of his grave; he had been given a Christian burial by one of the noted Moravian ministers of the day. When Mr. Hendricks disinterred his body he also found many Indian relics, pipes, beads, tomahawks, paint and paint cups, bracelets, a horse pistol, etc., all of which have been carefully preserved.

On Aug. 6, 1878, Mr. Hendricks married Esther Amelia Bright, daughter of George and Sarah (Weiss) Bright. They had no children. They resided at Woodlawn avenue and Third street, Sunbury, in a house which was originally built by George Sherwood, from Philadelphia, in 1775, the oldest house now standing in Sunbury. It is one and a half stories high, and built of logs, which are now, however, covered with weatherboards.

**TIMOTHY NEARY**, proprietor of the "Pennsylvania House" at Gowen City, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, was born in the borough of Shamokin July 28, 1853, and is of Irish descent. His grandfather, James Neary, settled in New York State upon his emigration from Ireland, and there passed the remainder of his life.

James Neary, son of James Neary and father of Timothy Neary, was born in Ireland and was a young man when he came to America. He first lived in New York State after his arrival in this country and was there engaged at day labor. Coming later to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., he was employed at the mines. He died at Shamokin. To James Neary and his wife Mary (Kennedy) were born children as follows: Maria, Timothy, James, Bridget, Eliza and John.

Timothy Neary obtained his education in the public schools of Shamokin. When a boy he began work as so many of the youth of the region did, as slate picker. He was thus employed at the Locust Gap and Cameron collieries for some time, and later tended door and loaded cars before he began cutting coal. He followed this work for fifteen years, most of the time employed at the Cameron colliery, and in 1892 retired from mining. He has since been engaged in the hotel business. For several years he carried it on in Shamokin, in April, 1902, buying his present stand at Gowen City from Elias Gonser. This hotel was built by Peter Weikel in 1852, and was

the first in the district. The business has been enlarged and the service improved under Mr. Neary's proprietorship, and he has a profitable patronage, which he has gained and held by his accommodating and business-like methods. He is a well known and respected citizen, and occupies an honorable place among the substantial residents of his community.

Mr. Neary married Bridget Golden, daughter of James Golden, and to them were born two children: Mary, who is now the wife of Joseph Yeager and has two children, Mary C. and Elleanora; and John, at home. Mrs. Neary died Sept. 13, 1896, and is buried at Shamokin. Socially Mr. Neary belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In religion he is a Catholic, a member of St. Edward's Church, and in politics a Democrat.

**HENRY J. DONMAYER**, a farmer of Washington township, Northumberland county, was born May 22, 1856, in Jordan township, son of Davis and Catharine (Geise) Donmayer.

According to family tradition four Donmayer brothers came from the Fatherland and located in Berks county, Pa., one of them, Nicholas, locating across the Blue Mountains in the territory which in 1771 became part of Pine Grove township, Schuylkill (then Berks) county. His name on the first assessment list, made in 1772, appears as Nicholas Dornmeier. From him descended Henry Donmayer, the grandfather of Henry J. Donmayer, of Washington township, Northumberland county.

Another of the four brothers, Peter "Dornmeyer," settled in Greenwich township, Berks county. In 1790 he had one son under sixteen years old, a wife, and three daughters. His occupation was farming. Milton T. Donmayer, a prominent and influential citizen of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., is a descendant of Peter through Benjamin Donmayer (1799-1864), who was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and died in Union township, Lebanon county. He was a farmer in Maxatawny township, Berks county, until 1845, when he sold out and moved to Lebanon county. His wife Hannah (Gernant) bore him the following children: Catharine, William, Lewis, Maria, Franklin, Susan, Rudolph, Milton T. (born in 1848) and Isaac (who died young). William, Lewis and Franklin were soldiers in the Civil war, Lewis losing his life at the battle of Cold Harbor.

Henry Donmayer, grandfather of Henry J. Donmayer, lived in Wayne township, not far from Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and was a millwright and farmer. His descendants are still found in that section. He and his wife Susan (Snyder) had children as follows: Davis; Henry (Harry), who lived in Schuylkill county; Susanna, who died unmarried; Catharine, who died young;





and Mary, who married Edward Nies and lived for a time in Schuylkill county, later coming to Jordan township, Northumberland county.

Davis Donmayer was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died Sept. 9, 1906, in Jordan township, Northumberland county (aged eighty years, seven months, four days), where he is buried, at St. Paul's Church, Urban. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as elder and deacon. In his earlier life Mr. Donmayer was a farm laborer, later becoming a boatman on the old abandoned Union canal from Pine Grove to Middletown, and in time he went into the lime-burning business in Jordan township. In 1878 he commenced farming in that township, which he continued until his death. He owned a tract of thirty-eight acres. Mr. Donmayer was a Democrat, and he was a citizen who enjoyed the confidence of his fellow men, serving as treasurer and supervisor of his township. His wife, Catharine (Geise), daughter of George and Catharine (Schwartz) Geise, died May 9, 1907, aged eighty-two years, nine months, twenty-three days, the mother of the following children: Mary J., Mrs. William Heim; Daniel, who died in his twentieth year; Henry J.; George, Elizabeth and Charles, who died young.

Henry J. Donmayer obtained a common school education in Jordan township, and was a boy of only ten years when he began teaming regularly with his father, hauling coal, lime and doing all kinds of draying. In the spring of 1878 he began farming in Jordan township, on a thirty-six-acre tract upon which he lived for eight years, and in 1887 he engaged in the butcher business, at which he continued for ten years. During this time he lived at Urban. In the spring of 1898 he moved to Gowen City, in the eastern part of Cameron township, where he farmed for two years, thence moving to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, where he also farmed for two years. Moving back to Jordan township, he was engaged in farming there for several years, until he sold out and moved to Lebanon, Pa., at which place he worked in the rolling mills. In the spring of 1907 he came to his present home, the old Daniel homestead in Washington township, which farm consists of 110 acres. It was in the Daniel name from 1774 to 1907. Two log houses stand on this land, one of which was built in 1800 and is still used as a dwelling: the other is not quite so old. Mr. Donmayer has modern agricultural implements and is up-to-date in all the branches of his work, using scientific methods wherever practicable and working his land intelligently. He is a Democrat and has been active in promoting the success of his party. While a resident of Jordan township he filled the office of school director three years. He and his family are Lutheran

members of St. John's Church, which he has served as deacon.

In 1882 Mr. Donmayer married Susan J. Snyder, daughter of George B. and Susan (Rainer) Snyder, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and they have five children: Adam F., Katie G., Charles O., Jerre E. and Harry R.

GEORGE W. PAUL, merchant and postmaster at Line Mountain, in the most easterly part of Upper Mahanoy township, has been one of the most active residents of that section for a number of years and has passed all his life in the township, having been born there, on the Paul homestead, Aug. 27, 1853. He is descended from a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from the early days, and which is still numerous represented there. The Federal Census Report of 1790 showed thirty-seven heads of families of this name in Pennsylvania alone, so that it is difficult for the genealogist to trace any one line without reliable records in the possession of the various branches of the family. The line in which we are interested is traced from Valentine Paul.

Valentine (known as "Falty") Paul, the pioneer who settled in Northumberland county, in that district now embraced in the territory of Upper Mahanoy township, located at the source of the Greenbrier creek, and owned a large tract of land, some of which he cleared and put under cultivation. In 1805 he purchased 120 acres in Mahanoy (now Upper Mahanoy) township for 550 pounds lawful money "truly in hand paid" from Philip and Magd. Diehl. The same year Philip and Magd. Diehl and their son Michael Diehl and his wife Magd. sold a second tract, lying adjacent to the one just mentioned, to Valentine Paul. He built a log house on what is now the farm of Peter H. Paul, and it was a very old structure when it was razed, in 1879. Valentine Paul was a member of the Reformed Church. He is buried at Howerter's Church, but his grave is not marked. To him and his wife Susanna were born the following children: Benjamin, George, Michael, Valentine and Daniel. Of these, Michael is the ancestor of the branch of the family to which George W. Paul belongs. Concerning the others, George succeeded his father on the homestead, living there until his removal in 1856 to Illinois, where his descendants continue to reside; his children were Valentine, Peter, Jacob, Hannah and Sarah. Valentine, who was a farmer, lived on another part of his father's homestead; among his children were Michael (who moved West), Andrew (who was killed by a "Yankee" through some trouble about a land transaction), Polly and Catharine (married John Diehl). Daniel lived in part of his brother George's house for a time, later moving out West, where he prospered; he married Hannah



Heim, and they had one daughter, Mary, who was young when her parents moved West. In 1803, when St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church was organized, Michael and Benjamin Paul were among the prominent members.

Michael Paul, son of Valentine, was born in Upper Saucon township, Northampton Co., Aug. 13, 1768, and was there baptized. In Northumberland county he settled two miles south of his father's homestead, on a tract which is now the property of David D. Paul, a grandson, having a farm of 135 acres which afforded him a good living. He died at an advanced age and is buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, of which he and his family were members. His old family Bible, now in the possession of the widow of Elias Paul, shows date and place of his birth; that his wife Elizabeth Kuntzelman was born Jan. 25, 1773 (the wife of Michael Paul is recorded elsewhere as Elizabeth Geissinger, born Jan. 25, 1773, died Jan. 17, 1853; as his son Michael apparently married a Kuntzelman the surnames may have become mixed), and that their children were born as follows: Johannes, 1793; —, Dec. 27, 1794; —, Sept. 20, 1796; Michael, Sept. 21, 1798; Catharine, Oct. 27, 1800; John, Jan. 31, 1803; Samuel, Nov. 27, 1805; Susanna, Nov. 20, 1807; Tobias, Oct. 29, 1808. (Another account gives the children as Valentine, who remained on the homestead; Michael; and Lydia, who married Peter Brown. Lydia, wife of Peter Brown, was according to tombstone records born Sept. 23, 1817, and died March 27, 1887.) Among other items in the old Bible mentioned we find that Elias Paul, son of one Michael Paul, was born Oct. 15, 1824, and died May 8, 1906; his widow, Catharine (Maurer), was born Feb. 28, 1831.

Michael Paul, son of Michael and Elizabeth, was born Sept. 21, 1798, on the homestead, and died March 3, 1879. He is buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy. He was a carpenter and an all-around skillful mechanic, being able to make shoes and wagons and do tailoring, in fact there was little in the way of handicraft that he did not undertake successfully. He was also a prosperous farmer, owning a tract of 100 acres, on which he built the house which still stands in 1868. In 1866 he built a barn, but it was destroyed by lightning in 1898 and rebuilt by his son Peter. He took an active part in local affairs, serving as supervisor and school director, and was prominent in the religious life of the community, being a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, which he served officially during the greater part of his mature life. His wife, Esther Hornberger, was a daughter of George Hornberger, who is buried in a private burial ground in a field in the eastern part of Cameron township. (Tombstone records say Michael L. Paul, born Sept. 21, 1798, died

— 3, 1879, aged eighty years, seven months, twelve days; wife Catharine Kuntzelman, born July 22, 1800, died Nov. 2, 1873. Johannes Kuntzelman and his wife Margaretha Reissin had a daughter Maria Catharine, born July 22, 1800.) To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Paul were born children as follows: John, who died in the Stone hospital, Washington, D. C., while serving in the army during the Civil war; Catharine, who married Elias Kahler; Peter H.; Polly, who married Andrew Kahler; George W.; Daniel H., who lives in Dauphin county, Pa. (his post office is Progress); and William, a resident of Upper Mahanoy township.

Peter H. Paul, son of Michael, is a retired farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, where for many years he was well known in public affairs, as well as in business life. He was born Aug. 5, 1848, and began his education in the subscription schools, later attending the free schools for two terms. Like his father, he is a mechanical genius, being able to work at many trades, and thus he has worked as a carpenter, blacksmith and wheelwright, has made a number of new wagons, and has made cloth for his own use, being handy at all sorts of mechanical work. He farmed for some years, owning eighty acres of the original Paul homestead, and he built the present barn on that tract in 1898. His undertakings prospered well under his efficient management, and his ability was recognized by his fellow citizens, who elected him for three terms as assessor and for the same period as school director. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

In November, 1873, Mr. Paul married Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Simon and Leah (Wetzel) Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have one daughter, Mary G., now the wife of Albert Gessner and the mother of one child, Leroy Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Gessner live with her parents, and he follows farming and carpentering. Mrs. Paul suffers almost constantly from rheumatism, having been an invalid practically since 1902, but her mental faculties are unimpaired, and she bears her infirmity with Christian fortitude. Mr. Paul and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church.

George W. Paul first attended the subscription schools, later receiving the benefits of the free schools. He was reared to farm life, and according to local custom worked for his parents until of age, in 1875 beginning to farm on his own account, at the homestead. The following spring he settled at his present farm in Upper Mahanoy, which contains ninety-one acres. It was at one time a Wren homestead, but the present set of buildings was erected by one Elias Smith. It was Wren, however, that established the mercantile business, about 1825, conducting it for many years, and he was succeeded by George Snyder, Elias





Schankweiler, and Smith & Herner, in turn. For some years after Smith & Herner discontinued business the store was closed, but Mr. Paul reopened it after moving to this location, in 1876, and two years later he succeeded in having the post office re-established, it having been removed to a place then known as Maurey's Hotel, near St. Jacob's Church. The store and post office are the most easterly in the township. Mr. Paul owns another farm besides his home place, a tract of 160 acres formerly known as the Daniel Howerter place, also in the eastern end of the township. Mr. Paul has been intrusted with various public responsibilities, was assessor of the township for some years, and was elected justice of the peace, but did not care to assume the duties of that position. On political questions he is a Democrat.

In 1874 Mr. Paul married Amelia Haas, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Knorr) Haas, and they have had a family of four children: Sophronia, wife of Herbert C. Knerr, living in Shamokin, Pa.; Francis M., who married Katie Kehler and lives in Shamokin; George V., and Mabel C. Mr. Paul and his family worship at St. Jacob's Union Church, and he has been one of its useful members, having served eight years as deacon, and being present treasurer of the Sunday school, which office he has filled continuously since 1894.

**WILLIAM C. BOYER**, who has an up-to-date meat market and grocery in the borough of Sunbury, is one of the younger business men of that place whose energy and progressiveness have been marked factors in the bringing about of present conditions in its commercial life. He has been a resident of Sunbury since 1900. Mr. Boyer was born in Montour county, Pa., Nov. 13, 1876, and is a member of an old family of that region whose founder there, Henry Boyer, moved from Berks county, this State. He followed farming until his death, and is buried at the Follmer Church. He and his wife Catharine had children as follows: Jacob, Henry, Christopher, Susan, Benjamin, Phebe (Mrs. Thomas Bieber), Leah (Mrs. George Bieber) and Maria (Mrs. Henry Roul).

Benjamin Boyer, son of Henry, lived in Montour county, had a small farm, and engaged in farming and the manufacture of brick. He died Oct. 20, 1889, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at the Follmer Church. To him and his wife Mary (Miller), daughter of Samuel Miller, were born these children: Samuel M. lives at Pottsgrove, Pa., where he is serving as postmaster; George Francis lives in Michigan; Catharine died in infancy; Zacharias M. lives at Milton, Pa.; Charles P. lives on the homestead near Pottsgrove; U. Grant lives at Clarkstown, Pennsylvania.

Zacharias M. Boyer, son of Benjamin, was born May 6, 1851, on the homestead in Montour county, Pa. He was reared upon the farm and also worked

in his father's brickyard. In 1878 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he still makes his home, and has ever since been engaged in the teaming business. He is an industrious and thrifty man, and is regarded by all who know him as an excellent citizen. On Dec. 30, 1875, Mr. Boyer married Emma Lattimere, daughter of Robert and Juliann (Gross) Lattimere, and they have the following children: William C. is mentioned below; Celia married Myron Fowler; Myrtle married Joseph Boyer; Mary; Catharine; Bertha; Robert.

William C. Boyer obtained his education in the common schools of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county. He was employed at farm work until he reached the age of sixteen, after which he worked in the Godcharles iron works at Milton for about eight years. On Jan. 7, 1900, he arrived in Sunbury, where he completed an apprenticeship as butcher, in 1904 engaging in the butcher business on his own account, at his present location, No. 330 Line street, corner of Catawissa avenue. In 1906 he added a line of groceries, and he has since continued both branches of the business, having built up a large trade, one of the most extensive enjoyed by any tradesman in the city. He employs three men steadily. Mr. Boyer carries a very complete and desirable stock of groceries, both staples and fancy lines, and his meat market has the highest reputation. His prosperity is well deserved, for he has worked hard to attain his standing, and is much respected in business circles as well as among his patrons.

On June 23, 1905, Mr. Boyer married Mary Amelia Martz, daughter of William J. and Louisa (Lenig) Martz, of Sunbury, and they have four children: Mildred E., Charles W., Geraldine and Rachel. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen and the P. O. S. of A., all at Sunbury.

**EMANUEL WILSON KERSTETTER**, proprietor of a thriving general store at No. 619 West Pine street, Shamokin, is a native of Schuylkill county but a member of an old Northumberland county family. He is a descendant in the fifth generation from George Kerstetter, the founder of the family here.

George Kerstetter came to this country from Germany and settled near Shamokin, in Northumberland county, where he owned 250 acres of valuable land at what is now Ferndale, where he died. The old Nelson and Last Chance collieries were located upon this tract, which at one time was valued at six million dollars.

John Kerstetter, son of George, was born at what is now Ferndale, near Shamokin, and died in Cameron township, this county. He was a shoemaker by trade. His children were: Simon; John F.;





Adam, living in Coal township; Abraham, living in Cameron township; Susan, who married George Latsha; Kittie, who married Elias Derk; Salena, who married Jacob Weikel; Eliza, who married Daniel Kobel.

John F. Kerstetter, son of John, was born Oct. 30, 1817, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and died April 29, 1875, in Cameron township, where he is buried, at St. Peter's Lutheran church. He followed the stonemason's trade in the Mahantango Valley and owned a farm of seventy-six acres in Cameron township. His wife, Abbie (Kramer), daughter of Christian and Lydia (Weary) Kramer, died in December, 1905, aged eighty-two years. They had a large family, viz.: Elizabeth married Alfred Schroder; Hettie married Samuel Croffert; Joel is mentioned below; Seth lives near Gosstown; Nathaniel lives at Mount Carmel; Helena married Jonathan Long; Henry lives on the old homestead in Cameron township; Lewis, born Aug. 20, 1854, a resident of Shamokin, married Mary A. Stahl, and their children are Laura Ella, Daniel H., Oswald W. and Lewis Oliver; Andrew is deceased; James is deceased; Jacob lives at Shamokin; Joseph lives on the old homestead in Cameron township; Susan married James Latsha, of Mount Carmel; Catharine married Amos Rhoads and they are living in the West.

Joel Kerstetter, son of John F., was born in 1848 in Northumberland county, and has followed farming all his life, now living in Upper Mahanoy township, where he owns a farm of ninety acres. He is a prosperous and respected citizen of his community. He married Hattie Dunkelberger, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Federolf) Dunkelberger, and they have had seven children, namely: Emanuel W., Amelia, William, James, Mary, Carrie and Ida.

Emanuel Wilson Kerstetter was born Sept. 10, 1869, at Klingerstown, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Upper Mahanoy township and at the Gratz Academy, in Dauphin county. He had good advantages, and after leaving school as a pupil taught for seven years in all, being thus engaged in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. Coming to Shamokin in 1894, he found employment with N. C. Wolverton, as clerk, remaining with him about four years, since which time he has been engaged in business on his own account. He has a fine store at No. 619 West Pine street, and carries a stock of general merchandise which meets the local demand. He has good judgment in buying and anticipates the wants of his customers, whom he holds by satisfactory goods and prompt service. His store is well patronized and has a steadily growing trade. Mr. Kerstetter is regarded as one of the progressing busi-

ness men of the borough. He is a member of the Board of Trade and takes an intelligent interest in all projects which have for their object the welfare of the community, the promotion of trade activities and the encouragement of up-to-date public institutions.

On Dec. 25, 1891, Mr. Kerstetter married Alice Schreffler, daughter of Isaac and Malinda (Daniel) Schreffler, and six children have been born to them: Mabel, Charles, Hattie, Luther, Leona and Irene. Mr. Kerstetter is a member of the Lutheran Church and Sunday school, and socially he unites with the P. O. S. of A.

LEONARD KERSTETTER was an early settler in the western part of Cameron township, Northumberland county. He owned a tract of forty-four acres on which he farmed, erected a house and barn on this place, and died aged about eighty years. He is buried in Cameron township. In 1778 the names of Leonard and Martin Kerstetter appear among the pioneers of Mahanoy township, but in the first assessment of Cameron township, in 1814, Leonard's name appears among the taxables. His name appears in 1803 among the organizers of St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. His wife's maiden name was Gerbard, and she is buried by his side. They had a large family, namely: Leonard, Philip, John, George, Daniel, Michael, Susan (married Peter Weigel), Hannah (married John Reichard), Mary Elizabeth (married Michael Derk and died in May, 1898, aged one hundred years, three months, eighteen days, at the home of her nephew, Simon Peter Kerstetter, in West Cameron township; she is buried at St. Peter's church in that township).

Leonard Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer in the western part of Cameron township, where he and his wife, Barbara (Heller), are buried. They had five children: John, who died young; Simon Peter; Isaac; Catharine, who married Daniel Kraemer; Salome, who married Solomon Gottshall.

Philip Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived at Trevorton. He was a farmer for some years, in his later life hauling coal. He was twice married, and by his first wife had two children, Robert and Adam. To his second marriage, with Catharine Eisenhart, were born three children: Felix, Mary and Catharine.

John Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer in Cameron township. His children were: John, Abraham, Adam, Salome and Elizabeth.

George Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer and landowner of Cameron township, and is buried there. His wife was a Derek, and their children were: Daniel, George and Levi.

Daniel Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lives in the eastern part of Cameron township, near Gowen



City. He engaged in work around the coal mines. He married Lusenna Wary, and among their children are Alexander and Joseph.

Michael Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived in Bear Valley, two miles from Shamokin, where he did work about the coal mines. He married a Martz, and they had a large family. Their son William is out West. Charles was another son.

Simon Peter Kerstetter, son of Leonard and grandson of Leonard, was born June 3, 1840, and spent most of his life in Cameron township, working in the coal mines. He now, however, lives in Little Mahanoy. On April 15, 1866, he married Elizabeth Bingaman, and of their four children three are deceased, the survivor, Benjamin Franklin Kerstetter, being a farmer in Little Mahanoy township, where he owns the original John Dunkelberger homestead. He married R. Agnes Long, and their children are: Elizabeth, Lloyd, George, Francis and Theresa.

WILLIAM HENRY FRANCIS, proprietor of the "Central House" at Trevorton, is one of the progressive business men of that town and is regarded as one of its reliable citizens. He was born July 19, 1874, at Excelsior, this county, son of John Paul Francis, who is now living retired at Trevorton.

Matthew Francis, his grandfather, was born in 1808 in Cornwall, England, where he followed ore mining. Coming to America in 1840, he settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining until his death a few years later, in 1847. His wife, Sarah (Paul), had come to America with their children in the fall of 1842, her husband meeting them at New York City. She survived Mr. Francis over forty years, dying Nov. 29, 1891, aged eighty-three years, six months, fourteen days. The children were: Matthew, who died in Iowa; John Paul; Joseph, who died in Philadelphia; Sarah, widow of Charles Webb, now living at Shendoah, Schuylkill county; Jane, who married William Botham, of Newcastle, Pa.; Mary, widow of James Clifford, living at Allentown, Pa.; and William Henry, a resident of Trevorton.

John Paul Francis, son of Matthew, was born Feb. 26, 1836, in Cornwall, England, and was six years old when his mother brought him to America. At the early age of eight he began picking slate at the breaker, and in time became a miner, which occupation he followed for about forty years, becoming foreman, in which capacity he served at the Glendower colliery, near Minersville, Schuylkill county, and at the Enterprise colliery, operated by Thomas Baumgardner & Co. Having settled in the Mahanoy Valley, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, he followed farming for thirty-four years before his retirement from active labor. In 1909 he removed to Trevorton, where he has since led a retired life. Mr. Francis has long

been an ardent Republican in politics, and served as committeeman of his party in Cameron township, where he was also elected to the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and has always taken an interest in everything affecting the public good. During the Civil war he enlisted, in April, 1861, in Company B, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three months as a private, being discharged at Carlisle, Pa., in August.

Mr. Francis first married Eliza Jane Craze, daughter of William Craze, of Schuylkill county, Pa., and she died in 1888, the mother of seven children, namely: Thomas M., born April 18, 1864, died March 22, 1866; Jemima, born Oct. 1, 1865, married Benjamin Machmer, of Trevorton; John H., born July 4, 1867, died Sept. 19, 1890; Emma Jane, born July 7, 1869, died Feb. 6, 1871; Joseph F., born July 6, 1871, married Ada Kline, daughter of Joseph, and they have one child, Paul A. (they live at Trevorton); William Henry was born July 19, 1874; Eliza H., born Dec. 16, 1876, died in July, 1877. For his second wife Mr. Francis married Mary Margaret Holzapfel, daughter of Philip M. and Anna M. (Ernst) Holzapfel, natives of Germany who came to America and settled in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where they lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Francis have had children as follows: Benjamin H., born Oct. 18, 1888, died Aug. 11, 1903; Stanley E., born Oct. 23, 1890, and Wilfred P., born Dec. 30, 1892, are at home; Carrie G., born Sept. 9, 1896, died Aug. 1, 1907; Elva B., born Aug. 17, 1899, is in school.

William Henry Francis, son of John Paul Francis by his first marriage, went with his parents to the Mahanoy Valley when a boy and there grew up, attending the local public schools in his earlier years, and in time commencing work at the mines. He was thus engaged for about fifteen years, at the North Franklin colliery. For a short time following he had a grocery business at Trevorton, in June, 1907, buying out the interest of D. N. Berkheiser in the "Central Hotel," which he has since conducted. It is a well known hotel stand, and Mr. Francis has shown considerable business ability in the manner in which he has carried it on. He is ambitious and a good manager, and has every prospect of taking a permanent place among the substantial business men of the town. He has served four years as auditor of Zerbe township, and has been quite active in local political circles as a worker in the Republican party, having been township committeeman for four terms.

In 1898 Mr. Francis married Sarah Ann Reed, youngest daughter of Emanuel Reed, of Trevorton, and they have one son, Franklin Reed Francis.

Peter Reed, Mrs. Francis's paternal grandfather, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and when only





a young man he was killed while blasting rock, on the Broad Mountain township road, in Schuylkill county. His wife was Madalena Kaufman, and their children were: Henry, who is deceased; Emanuel; Samuel, who was killed while serving in the army, in 1864; and Peter, deceased.

EMANUEL REED, son of Peter, was born July 5, 1840, in Lykens Valley, Schuylkill county, and was twelve years old when he came to Trevorton. He began work as a slate picker and followed mining until he reached the age of sixty-three years, since when he has lived retired. In 1864 Mr. Reed entered the Union service, enlisting in Company B, 184th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw service at Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Ream's Station and Hatcher's Run, remaining in the army to the close of the war. He married Sarah Holshue, daughter of George Holshue, and they had the following children: Alice married Richard Phillips, of Shamokin; Elizabeth J. married Joseph Heim, of Trevorton; Helen J., twin of Elizabeth J., married Wilson Kline, of Trevorton; Emma married Jacob Snyder, of Trevorton; Mazzie married Daniel Reitz, of Shamokin Dam, Snyder county; Sarah Ann married William Henry Francis; Peter, Stephen, William and Emanuel, Jr., are residents of Trevorton.

HUBERT E. SNYDER, farmer and dairyman of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born June 18, 1869, in Lower Augusta township, where the founder of the family in this region settled before the Revolutionary war.

Casper Snyder, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, came from Germany and settled here before the Revolution. He was a large land owner, having nearly one thousand acres, including what is now a part of the Updegrave farm, the Thomas, Peter and Adam Snyder farms, the tract now owned by Dennis H. and Newton W. Snyder, his great-grandsons, etc. He was a farmer and tavern-keeper, his tavern being located on the old Harrisburg and Sunbury road, where his son Peter succeeded him; in 1798 he built the old brick tavern known as "Blue Ball Tavern." He and his wife, Elizabeth Farst, are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, and according to the records there he was born May 2, 1745, and died Sept. 3, 1821. "Elizabeth," wife of Casper Snyder, born Feb. 5, 1754, died Aug. 12, 1823. They had the following children: (1) John, born Nov. 29, 1776, died April 29, 1851. (2) Polly, born June 24, 1782, died March 7, 1856, married a Mr. Updegrave and had three sons and one daughter, Isaac, Thomas, Adam and Sarah. Of these, Adam went to look after the vast fortune due the Snyders as heirs of the brother (of Elizabeth) Farst in Holland, but the connection was lost and he had no proofs to establish the claim.

(3) Peter, born April 21, 1733, died Feb. 19, 1866. (4) Sarah (Sally) married John Hendershot (1790-1851), and died Feb. 23, 1863, aged seventy-two years, three months, one day. They had six daughters and two sons, Eliza (Mrs. David Shipman), Harriet (who married Sylvanus Shipman, brother of David), Lydia (Mrs. Christian Fisher), Jane (Mrs. John Jones), Rebecca (Mrs. Sylvanus Shipman), Mary Ann (Mrs. Chambers Wynn), Isaac and Hiram. (5) George, born Sept. 3, 1785, died Feb. 9, 1812. (6) Casper lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township. He had sons Thomas and Simon, and daughter Catharine (who married John Cooper; we have record of one daughter, Mary Cooper). (7) Catharine married William Silverwood and had sons, James, William and Hiram, and daughters Elizabeth (Mrs. John McPresson), Sarah (Mrs. John Climer), Harriet (who married Samuel Coudren) and Susannah (who married in the West).

John Snyder, son of Casper, was born in Lower Augusta township Nov. 29, 1776, and there made his home, owning the farm which is now the property of Martha Gass. His holdings were very large, his property having been divided into eight farms, seven of which he gave to his children. He owned and operated a distillery, cider press and sawmill and kept several teams busy transporting goods for him between here and Philadelphia, which was the market center for grain and provisions. A prominent and influential citizen of his day, he served twenty-five years as justice of the peace and held the rank of colonel in the State militia, standing at the head of the militia in his district for some years. He died April 29, 1851. His wife, Maria Margaret (Fisher), known as "Peggy" (only sister of Christian Fisher), is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. They had children as follows: George, Thomas, Elizabeth (called Betsy, married John Wynn), Peter J., John, Adam (born April 9, 1814, died Dec. 15, 1895; his wife Martha died Sept. 30, 1860, aged forty-six years, five months, ten days) and Sally (born Jan. 10, 1809, married John Ebright, and died July 23, 1850). Of these, George, born Sept. 2, 1801, died Feb. 2, 1866. He was the progenitor of another branch of the family fully mentioned in this work.

John Snyder, son of John and Maria Margaret (Fisher) Snyder, was a millwright by trade, following that business all over the State. He also did farming, owning a small farm in Lower Augusta township. A man of active mind, he took an interest in matters of general interest, held the rank of captain in the State militia, and at the time of his death was serving as overseer of the poor. He was an old-line Whig in political conviction. He died March 25, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, eleven days, and his wife, Martha (Norvinger), born Dec. 23, 1808, died





Jan. 31, 1862. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Snyder was a Methodist in religious connection. They were the parents of eleven children, viz.: William; Matthew; Margaret, Mrs. Peter Shipman; Levi; Maria, Mrs. John Shipman; John N.; Henry C.; Susan, Mrs. David DeWitt; Jemima, who died unmarried; Stephen D., a railroad engineer; and Lydia, Mrs. Charles B. Smith. John N. is the only surviving son, and three of the daughters are living: Margaret, Susan and Lydia.

John N. Snyder, born March 5, 1838, on the Snyder homestead in Lower Augusta township, followed milling in that township until his health failed in 1876, when he moved to Rockefeller township. There he owns a farm of 145 acres in Brush Valley, which formerly belonged to Maj. Samuel Lantz, who built the large frame residence now standing on the property. Here Mr. Snyder farmed and followed dairying until the fall of 1908, and he has been succeeded by his son Hubert E. In the spring of 1909 he retired and moved to Sunbury, where he resides at No. 108 South Tenth street. He was made a Mason in 1874 in Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., and in 1908 was transferred to Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury. Mr. Snyder served with the Union army during the Civil war under two enlistments, the first for nine months, during which he was a member of Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was a non-commissioned officer. Upon the expiration of that term he enlisted in Company H, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He participated in the Antietam campaign, in the engagements at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, the Richmond and Petersburg campaign, the battle of Five Forks, the flank movement on Richmond, etc. The morning of Lee's surrender he was engaged with Custer's forces, was dismounted, and after the surrender was sent back to camp at Richmond with other dismounted and disabled troops, and there received his discharge, by general order of the war department. Politically he is a Republican. He is a citizen who has always been willing to do his duty by the community, though he has taken no official part in the administration of public affairs.

In 1868 Mr. Snyder married Katie E. Seiler, daughter of George Seiler, of Lower Augusta township. Their sons have been born in Lower Augusta township, their daughters in Rockefeller township, namely: Hubert E.; George A., of Sunbury; Claud H.; Lizzie E., who married Addison C. Miller, a farmer and dairyman of Upper Augusta township, where they reside; Turie M., unmarried; and Jennie E., wife of Horace B. Neff.

Hubert E. Snyder was reared upon the farm, and worked for his parents until he reached his majority. In the spring of 1908 he began farming his father's farm in Rockefeller township, which he

has since conducted with great success, making a specialty of dairying in addition to general agriculture. He wholesales his milk in Sunbury. He is an intelligent and thrifty farmer, employing up-to-date methods in his work and proving himself thoroughly progressive in everything he undertakes. His standing in the community is high, and he deserves the respect of his fellowmen.

On Aug. 3, 1908, Mr. Snyder married Edna Stamm, daughter of J. William Stamm, of Northumberland, this county. They have one son, John William. The family belong to Lantz's Reformed Church. In political matters Mr. Snyder is a Republican.

**GEIST.** The Geist family has been well known in the lower end of Northumberland county for several generations. In 1828 one John Geist was a trustee of the Reformed congregation at the old established Himmel Church, in Washington township, with which the Geists have been prominently identified down to the present day. When St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Upper Mahanoy township, was organized in 1853 Peter Geist was one of the first trustees.

Christopher Geist, a German mineralogist, went from his native land to England, and from there was sent to Schwenkville, in Montgomery county, Pa., to manage or superintend a copper mine which is to this day an old landmark of that district. It is believed that one of the sons of this emigrant located in Longswamp township, Berks county. We find that one Christopher Geist came to America in 1740 on the ship "Lydia"; Fried. Wilhelm Geist came on the ship "Ranier" to America in 1749; and Hans Jacob Geist came on the "Brothers" in 1754. It is believed that the Geists now living in the Falkner Swamp district, Montgomery county, and the Geists of Longswamp township, Berks county, are of the same stock; and there were other Geists in Chester county, one Matthias Geist living on the west bank of the Schuylkill river in that county (it is thought he was buried at a Mennonite meetinghouse in that county); and John H. Geist, of Sunbury, is a great-grandson of Conrad Geist, who came from Germany about 1760 and located in Berks county. In 1790 there lived in Lancaster county the families of George and Jacob Geist, and in the same year the families of John and Matthew Geist lived in Montgomery county. In 1790 Conrad Geist, of the borough of Reading, had three sons over sixteen years old; two daughters; and wife. The same year there is record of George Geist, of Longswamp township, Berks county, with one son under sixteen years of age, one daughter, and wife; and of Valentine Geist, of Longswamp township, with one son under sixteen, two daughters, and wife.

An Andrew Geist died early in January, 1850, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland



county; his executors were Andrew Geist and Joseph Feger. Another Andrew Geist died in July, 1860; his executor was Solomon Schonkweiler.

Andrew Geist, grandfather of Wilson H. Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in Upper Mahanoy Jan. 5, 1801, son of Andrew Geist. He lived on the farm there now owned by his son Andrew, a tract of 112 acres which formerly belonged to one Andrew Snyder, and died there Feb. 12, 1878, his son Andrew succeeding him as owner of the property. Earlier he had owned and occupied a farm near by. He and his wife Mary Magdalena (Hepler), born May 4, 1803, died April 5, 1869, are buried at the Himmel Church, where several generations of Geists have been interred. He held several offices as an active member of the Reformed congregation of that church. His children were as follows: Elias located in Jefferson county, Pa.; Sarah married Daniel Seiler; Emanuel, born in 1828, died in 1844; Daniel H. is mentioned below; Lydia, born in 1834, died in 1836; Andrew is mentioned below; John, now (1910) sixty-five years old, has been an invalid all his life, having never been able to walk, and he now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Felix D. Mattern (the latter being his niece), who care for him tenderly, he being entirely helpless (he has a life interest in the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Mattern); Mary is deceased.

Daniel H. Geist, son of Andrew, was born May 31, 1832, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer. He lived three quarters of a mile west of Leck Kill, on a sixty-five-acre tract of valuable land now owned by his son Wilson H. Geist, and built the present barn there about 1875, putting up the house several years later, in 1883. He died there Aug. 13, 1901. He was a Democrat, and served many years as member of the township school board. His religious connection was with the Reformed congregation of the Himmel Church, to which his family also belong, and he served officially as deacon and elder. His wife, Cecellia (Updegraff), daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kimmel) Updegraff, died Dec. 29, 1896, aged sixty-five years, nine months. They had children as follows: Mary died young; Alice married Rudolph Snyder; James married Mary Rothermel and died while a young man, leaving children, Edwin, Maud and Flossie; Wilson H. is mentioned below; Cassie married William Bast, of Leck Kill, and they have children, Gertie, Jennie, Walter, Morris, Stella, Harry and Clarence; Henrietta married Daniel Kieffer and they live in Washington township; Sylvester died when nine years old; Katie is the wife of William B. Geist.

Andrew Geist, son of Andrew and brother of Daniel H. Geist, has passed all his life in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born July 4, 1839. He was reared to farming, which he has always followed, and since his father's death he

has owned the homestead place, which is a valuable piece of property and has been kept in a profitable state of cultivation under his efficient management. He met with continued success in his work, and during the later seventies built the fine large brick residence on the farm which he has since occupied. Mr. Geist married Mary Latsha, daughter of the late Michael Latsha, of Jackson township, and they have had five children: Ida married Felix D. Mattern; Agnes married David Trautman; Jesse married Alice C. Reitz; Oscar died young; Ella married Calvin Miller. Mr. Geist and his family are members of the Himmel Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee. On political questions he is a Democrat.

WILSON H. GEIST, son of Daniel H. Geist, was born Feb. 22, 1867, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he is still engaged in farming, on his father's old homestead near Leck Kill. He received his education in the township schools, and his training to farm work under his father's supervision, working for his parents until he came of age. He has since been farming on the homestead on his own account, and his work has been successful to such an extent that he has been able to add twenty-two acres to the property, having one of the most valuable places along the Greenbrier creek, better known as Swabian creek. Mr. Geist has taken an interest in the local welfare and has served the township as overseer of the poor some years and as member of the road commission since 1907. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church.

In 1890 Mr. Geist married Helen Koppenhaver, who was born Feb. 21, 1872, in Shamokin, this county, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna (Faust) Koppenhaver, and they have had eight children: Maizie Edna, who died when exactly five months old; Beulah May, who died when one year, ten months old; Vertie M.; Earl R.; Edith A.; Luma E.; Helen M., and Russell W.

Abraham Geist, grandfather of William B. Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in Upper Mahanoy March 20, 1813, and was a successful farmer and enterprising business man, being one of the first dealers in live stock in his district. He had the best farm in the township, a place of 160 acres. He died Aug. 28, 1883, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth (Hepler), who was born June 10, 1813, and died July 14, 1888. She was a large and powerful woman, weighing nearly three hundred pounds. Besides John H. Geist they had children as follows: Christian (daughter), born in 1834, who died in 1835; Frank; William; Samuel; Lizzie, who married Alexander Gonser and lives at Lewisburg; William (2); Lydia, who





married Daniel Swartz and lived at Urban, Pa.; Hettie, who married Jacob Snyder (they are buried at Leck Kill Church); and Polly, who married Michael Powell and (second) a Mr. Shoemaker.

John H. Geist, son of Abraham, lived for a number of years in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was one of the best known residents in his day. He was a most enterprising business man, a merchant, huckster, butcher, hotel-keeper and farmer, owned Leck Kill and several large farms there, was postmaster at Leck Kill, and in every way the leading spirit of the place. For ten years before his death he conducted the "Central House" at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and his son John has succeeded him as proprietor of this place. He died there in 1905, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, Harriet (Beisel), is still living at Williamstown. They had children: Wilson O., William B., Anson, Charles, James, Martin, John and Laura (married to George Troutman and living in Snyder county).

WILLIAM B. GEIST was born Dec. 5, 1864, at Leck Kill, in the section of Upper Mahanoy township where he still resides. He obtained his education in the local schools, and was reared to farm life, which he has continued to follow. After working for his father until he attained his majority, he has since become one of the best known hucksters in his section. He began raising truck and general farm crops for himself in 1890, and now owns a forty-two-acre farm a quarter of a mile east of Leck Kill, which is under profitable cultivation. He has a huckster route which covers his own and surrounding townships, and makes weekly trips to Shenandoah, Ashland and Girardville, disposing of produce and poultry. He has built up a steady custom, and by honorable dealing and reliable methods has gained and retained a large number of patrons who depend upon him for their supplies in his line.

In 1890 Mr. Geist married Katie Geist, daughter of Daniel H. and Cecellia (Updegraff) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of Andrew and Mary Magdalena (Hepler) Geist. They have had a family of seven children: Gertie S., who married Raymond Haas; Jennie C.; Walter W.; Maurice D.; Stella G.; Harry C., and John. Mr. Geist and his family worship at St. John's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation. He is a Democrat in political connection, and has served for a number of years as supervisor of Upper Mahanoy township, where he is a most respected citizen.

EDWIN A. ADAM, who carries on a lumber business at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, was born Nov. 10, 1851, in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and is a member of one of the long established families of that region.

Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, was born in the Fatherland in the year 1716, and emigrated to America in the year 1741. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. His age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches, of land in Albany township, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. Andoni Adam, as he wrote his name, received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres and 47 perches "above Maxatawny," Feb. 7, 1748. In 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. In 1766 he was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony Adam, of Albany, is not known. It is known that he had sons Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who settled in Schuylkill county; and Peter. The name of Simon Adam, great-grandfather of Edwin A. Adam, does not appear among the known children of Anthony (?) or Peter, so it would appear the line in which we are interested would be traced through Abraham or Bernhard.

Simon Adam was married Feb. 13, 1776, to Catharine Eck, who died April 27, 1828. He died March 27, 1803. Their children were born as follows: John, Nov. 22, 1776; Anna, Sept. 30, 1778 (married Andrew Schnabel); James, Feb. 6, 1781; Catharine, Jan. 4, 1783 (married David Schnabel); John James, Feb. 2, 1785; Sabina (married George Dappen); Elizabeth, June 20, 1788; John, Sept. 6, 1792; Paul, Feb. 5, 1797.

John Adam, son of Simon, was a well known farmer in Hereford township, Berks county, where he passed all his life. He and his wife Catharine (Hammerstine), daughter of Andrew and Barbara Hammerstine, are buried at Bally. Their children were: Jacob, Simon, John H. and Elizabeth.

John H. Adam, son of John, was born April 27, 1814, and followed farming, owning the old homestead. He died Feb. 10, 1883, upon his farm, and he and his wife are buried at Bally. Her maiden name was Mary M. Klehs (also spelled Klase), and she was born April 30, 1808, and died June 21, 1879. They had five children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 15, 1840, died Oct. 15, 1877; John M. lives at Mahanoy City; Charles died in Berks county when twelve years old; Lucy A. died Jan. 24, 1906; Edwin A. is a resident of Mount Carmel.





Edwin A. Adam was born Nov. 10, 1851, in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and was there reared upon the homestead farm, following farming until he attained his majority. Meantime he received his education in the common schools of the locality. Upon leaving home he located at Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he was in the employ of the late Darlington Kulp for a period of thirteen years, since when he has been engaged in the lumber business on his own account, at different places. He has lived at Mount Carmel since 1890, and for eleven years was a merchant in the borough. As a business man and citizen he occupies a substantial place in the community.

Mr. Adam married Mary C. Crowl, daughter of Jackson Crowl, of Elysburg, Pa., and to them have been born nine children: Gordon T. (of Mount Carmel), Lillie E., Mary M., Wheeler E., Flora A., Harriet Rella, John J., Mark J. (who died when three years old) and Anna L. Mr. Adam is a Catholic in religious faith.

CHARLES A. KUNKEL, engaged in the hotel and livery business in Shamokin, is a young man whose enterprise and good management are bringing him success. He was born in Shamokin Feb. 29, 1876, son of Leo Kunkel, a native of Germany, born in 1846, who came to America when a young man of twenty-two. He first located at Pittsburg, Pa., where he spent two years, thence coming to Shamokin. Here he followed mining until his death, in 1877, and is buried at Shamokin. Mr. Kunkel married Rosa Gafinski, who is now living in Wisconsin, and the five children born to them were named as follows: Joseph (who is deceased), Charles A., Tillie, Mary and Polly.

Charles A. Kunkel received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. When thirteen years old he became a slate picker at the mines, where he continued to work in various capacities until he reached the age of twenty-one years. At that time he engaged in the hotel business, but after conducting his place one year sold it and became bookkeeper for Squire Kreiger, with whom he continued for a period of three years. He then embarked in the wholesale liquor business on his own account, being thus engaged for one and a half years, when he sold out to the Mount Carmel Brewing Company. In 1906 he bought from Squire Kreiger the hotel stand where he has since done business. He enjoyed a large business from the time he took the management, having twenty-four rooms, and his being the only hotel in that section of Shamokin he had a thriving trade, which he succeeded in widening steadily by good business methods and satisfactory service. There was a fine hall on the top floor of the old building, which Mr. Kunkel rented for fairs, dances

and various entertainments; it was headquarters for the Springfield Band. On Aug. 4, 1910, the hotel building was completely destroyed by fire, the loss being thirty thousand dollars. With his customary enterprise Mr. Kunkel at once commenced rebuilding, on the same site, his new hotel being thoroughly up-to-date and a credit to the community as well as to the owner. Kunkel's hall, built on an adjoining lot, is 60 feet square. In connection with his hotel Mr. Kunkel has a livery business, keeping eight horses, for which there is constant demand.

Mr. Kunkel is well known socially, holding membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Red Men, East End and Friendship Hose Companies, several Polish societies, and St. Stanislaus church. He is a Democrat in political matters.

On Nov. 26, 1892, Mr. Kunkel married Gertrude Green, daughter of William Green, of Mount Carmel, Pa. They have four children, namely: Clement, Florence, Violet and Alma.

BENJAMIN F. BASTIAN, of Sunbury, who carries on an up-to-date bakery on Eckman avenue, between Line and Race streets, was born July 31, 1868, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, son of Matthias D. Bastian. He is a member of the fourth generation in that township, being a great-grandson of George Michael Bastian, who founded the family there, and from whom we give the family record.

George Michael Bastian was a native of Northampton county, Pa., born March 13, 1768, and died Feb. 18, 1845, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he had followed farming, having a 200-acre tract known (and so called in the deed) as "White Lily Garden Farm." He and his wife died on that place, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Her maiden name was Susanna Bollender, and she was born Oct. 7, 1770, in Greenwich township, Berks county. Their children were as follows: Jesse lived in Sunbury; Peter died at Milton, Pa.; Daniel is mentioned below; George died in Sunbury; Catharine married John Renn and they lived in Sunbury; Christianna married Henry Conrad and they lived in Rockefeller township; Rachel married John Sinten and they lived at Alaska, this county; Elizabeth died unmarried, in Rockefeller; Lucy married Jeremiah Zimmerman and died in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

From public records in the courthouses at Sunbury and Lewisburg has been taken the following information, which is here given not only as being of interest in this connection, but also as it has considerable bearing upon the spelling of the name, which seems to have been written Bastian from the time the records begin, in 1791, with two exceptions. Both these times it was found written Bostion, but it must be noted that



on one of these two occasions the signer made his mark.

George Michael Bastian, Sr., came from Northampton county in the year 1791, and on June 16, 1791, bought 500 acres of land from Richard Willings of Delaware county, Pa., about two miles below Sunbury, Pa., on the west side of the Susquehanna river, and in the body of the deed the name is written George Michael Bastian. On June 11, 1798, George Michael Bastian, Sr., sold to George Michael Bastian, Jr., 176 acres of the above tract of 500 acres and in the body of this deed the name is written George Michael Bostion; the deed is also signed George Michael Bostion.

On May 10, 1819, George Michael Bastian, Jr., sold the above 176 acres to Lewis Dewart; he signed his name in German and it is written George Michael Bastian, and his wife Susanna Bastian signed by mark, her name being written the same way. On the same day and year Lewis Dewart sold to George Michael Bastian 300 acres in Augusta township about three miles southeast of Sunbury; in the body of this deed the name is written Bastian. On May 15, 1841, George Michael Bastian, Jr., sold to Henry Gass 76 acres of land in Augusta township, and in the body of this deed the name is Bastian; it is also signed George Michael Bastian. In the year 1844 George Michael Bastian, Jr., made his last will and testament and in the body of the will we find the name Bostion; it is signed Bostion, but by mark.

In the year 1845 George Michael Bastian, Jr., died, and on the tombstone is inscribed Bastian. His son George was one of his executors, and all papers signed in settling up the estate show the spelling Bastian.

In the year 1791 George Michael Bastian, Sr., gave a mortgage to Richard Willing, and he signed himself George Michael Bastian. In the year 1809 George Michael Bastian, Jr., gave a mortgage to Lewis Dewart, and it is signed George Michael Bastian.

One Daniel Bastian had a lawsuit in 1797.

Daniel Bastian, son of George Michael, Sr., was born Aug. 8, 1806, in what is now Snyder county, Pa., and was a young man when he came across the river into Upper Augusta township. There he married Elizabeth Drayer, daughter of Matthias Drayer, and they were Lutheran members of the Lantz Church in what is now Rockefeller township, both being buried at that church. Mrs. Bastian died Jan. 21, 1869, aged fifty-nine years, three months, twenty-seven days. Mr. Bastian died Dec. 29, 1879. He was a potter, and followed his trade in Sunbury and Upper Augusta township for many years, in his later life also engaging to some extent in carpentering. Mr. and Mrs. Bastian had a large family, as follows: Sarah died in childhood; Joseph was killed while serving in the Civil war (he was married); George,

a carpenter, died Feb. 3, 1897, aged sixty years, five months, ten days; Matthias D. is mentioned below; Henry died in young manhood, in Rockefeller township; Polly married Jeremiah Cooper and they lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Landis is a farmer in Upper Augusta; Daniel died Sept. 25, 1878, aged thirty-one years, two months, twelve days; Mary Ellen married Samuel Fry and died Aug. 5, 1879, aged fifty-six years, ten months, twelve days; Jeremiah, of Sunbury, is a painter; Anna married Henry Nase and they live in Chicago.

Matthias D. Bastian, son of Daniel, was born Oct. 11, 1838, in Northumberland county, and was brought up on the farm in what is now Rockefeller township. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company B, 184th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private one year and four days. He was wounded in action in front of Petersburg and as a result had his right arm amputated while a prisoner at Libby, where he was confined for eighty-two days. After the war, however, he resumed farming, engaging in general agriculture and trucking until about 1893, when he retired and settled in Sunbury. His home is at No. 803 Market street, in that borough. Mr. Bastian is a Republican in politics and has served as constable and as jury commissioner of Northumberland county. He is a member of Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., and of Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., both Sunbury organizations.

On Aug. 19, 1862, Mr. Bastian married Lydia Poyer, daughter of Abitha and Rebecca (Mitchell) Poyer, of Sunbury, and twelve children have been born to their union: Charles E., Elizabeth (married to Abraham Roger), Maclay, Benjamin F., Daniel, William, Joseph, Cora, Alberta, Jennie, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Bastian and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Bastian died March 30, 1900.

Benjamin F. Bastian was educated in the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home. He was reared to farming, and followed agricultural work until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he learned the trade of baker. In 1900 he came to Sunbury, embarking in business about that time, and he has built up an extensive trade, employing four men at present. His specialties are bread and pastry. In 1910 Mr. Bastian erected the modern establishment he now occupies, a store 22 by 64 feet on Eckman avenue, equipped with the most modern facilities known to the trade. His oven cost \$1,500, and the rest of the place is in keeping. Store and bakery are clean and sanitary, the entire place being a credit to the owner and to the community.

On June 20, 1903, Mr. Bastian married Sue Broschious, daughter of Jared and Susan (Renn) Broschious, who died at Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Bastian have a large and comfortable home of





their own at No. 144 North Fifth street. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church of Sunbury, and holds office at present.

EZRA C. KELLER, proprietor of the "State Road Hotel," at Weigh Scales, in Ralpho township, has been there a comparatively brief time, but he has had considerable experience in the hotel business, and his establishment has shown great improvement under his management. Mr. Keller was born Oct. 19, 1867, at Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa., son of George W. Keller and grandson of John O. Keller, and he comes of an old family of Berks county.

The Keller family of Rockland is of German extraction, being descended from John Christopfel (Christoffel) Keller, better known as "Stoffel" Keller, who was born in Nitsche, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Jacob Keller, a well known weaver who resided at that place. Jacob Keller was the father of six children, two of whom died in childhood. Two sons, both named Johan Adam, were distinguished by being called "der grosse Johan" (Big John) and "der kleine Johan" (Little John). John Christopfel came next, and there was one daughter, Elizabeth Catharine. In 1764 John Christopfel Keller, then seventeen years of age, came to America. His father gave him considerable money in gold, which he sewed in a belt and carried on his body. He made the voyage on the "Brittania," Captain Arnot, from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, where young Keller landed September 26th. From Philadelphia he walked to Rockland township, Berks county, where he found a home with the Reichert family, who were also from Nitsche, Mrs. Reichert having at one time worked for his father. With them he followed his trade of weaver. In 1765, at the age of eighteen, he married Catharine Delp, daughter of John Nicholas Delp, a large landholder of Rockland, and soon after his marriage secured a tract of land from his father-in-law. He began to clear this land, and it is said his wife assisted in the work. This home remained in the connection for over one hundred years, and the old log house, built before 1770, is still standing and in good condition. Stoffel Keller died there, in November, 1834, at which time he was living with his son-in-law, Squire Joseph Specht. His property in Rockland comprised about forty acres. He was a man of great force of character and considerable intelligence, was a school teacher, and preserved his mental vigor to the last. He served in the war of the Revolution. His wife, Catharine, died over ten years before him. Their children were as follows: (1) Maria, 1767-1850, married Michael Welder and had nine children. (2) Jacob married Betsy, daughter of John Specht, and they lived and died near Pricetown. They had children: John, who married Elizabeth

Wahl; Catharine, wife of Henry Noll; Rebecca, Mrs. Buskirk; Lydia, Mrs. Wahl; and Daniel. (3) Catharine married Daniel Specht and (second) Peter Muthart, and had five children. (4) Conrad married Polly Neiman, whose first husband was killed by the Indians in 1781. Their children were John, who married Esther Clouser; George, who married Lucy Bast; David, who married and lived in New York City; Charles, a prominent citizen of Berks county and later of Montgomery county (where he died March 7, 1897, aged eighty years), who married Harriet Moyer. (5) Elisabeth married Henry Moyer and had seven children. (6) Susan married Joseph Specht, Esq., and they had seven children. She died in 1832 and he subsequently married a Muthart, by whom he had two sons. He died in 1854. (7) George married Kate Keller and they lived and died near Pricetown. Their children were Abraham, Magdalena and Joseph. (8) Magdalena married Henry Sterner and had six children. (9) Abraham married Magdalena Specht, daughter of John and sister of Squire Joseph Specht, and they had two children, both of whom married, and both moved to Wauseon, Ohio, where their descendants reside. (Benjamin who was married four times, last time to Mrs. Sarah DeLong, daughter of Squire Joseph Specht, was a son or a brother of Abraham.) (10) Samuel died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years. (11) John married Betsy Egolf. They had no children. (12) Mary (Peggy), 1799-1879, married Jacob Sterner and had eight children.

From this source came John O. Keller, grandfather of Ezra C. Keller. He was born in Rockland township, Berks county, and followed farming at Pricetown, that county, where he died. He and his wife Sarah had children: Jacob, John, Joel, Henry, Daniel, George W., Sarah, Mrs. Reinheimer, Mrs. David Welder and David.

George W. Keller, son of John O. Keller, was a stationary engineer as well as farmer. For eighteen years he lived upon a farm near Fleetwood, Berks county. He subsequently farmed at Shaeferstown and thence moved to Strausstown, Berks county, where he still makes his home. He has continued to follow farming to the present. He has been twice married, his first union being with Henrietta Sheaffer, daughter of Daniel Sheaffer, his second to Leanda Gerhart. His children, all by the first union, were: Mary, Oscar and Ezra C., the last named being the only survivor.

Ezra C. Keller was reared upon the farm. After spending four years at Akron, Lancaster Co., Pa., he returned home and went to school for a year. He then located at Helfenstein, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged as a clerk for John Purcel & Co. two years, at the end of that time going to Shamokin, where he became a clerk for D. A. Haas. He was thus employed for four





months, after which he took a position as clerk at the "Eagle Hotel," where he remained three years, and seven months, having charge of the stables for two years. In 1896 he bought the "Eagle Hotel," which he conducted for two years, selling out to George Brewer. For the next four and one half years he conducted the "Mansion House," and then for a similar period had the "Forks Hotel." On Nov. 1, 1907, he bought his present place, the "State Road Hotel" at Weigh Scales, where he has made many friends during the short time he has been at that point. Under his direction the establishment has been vastly improved, and travelers are given special attention. His hotel is a popular place for dinner and supper parties, and the patronage is steady. Mr. Keller has won the respect of the community, where he is regarded as a most desirable citizen. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a Republican in political sentiment.

Mr. Keller married Mary A. Gross, daughter of Eberhart and Lena (Hafer) Gross, and they have three children: Viola H., Lena H. and Catharine I. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

**BROWN.** The Brown family has been identified with Upper Mahanoy township and that region of Northumberland county for over a century, having been founded there in the early days by Michael Brown, a native of Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., born Feb. 16, 1772. Coming to this section he became a farmer in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, on the property now owned by John Fetter and Albert Gessner. He died May 9, 1851, and his wife, whose maiden name was Cherry, was born March 30, 1770, and died Feb. 18, 1814. They were members of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church. They were married July 15, 1794, and nine children were born to this couple, as follows: Rebecca, March 10, 1796; Magdalena, Jan. 19, 1798; Catharine, June 18, 1800; John, March 17, 1803; Andraes, Aug. 16, 1805; Michael, July 13, 1807; George, April 26, 1809 (died July 13, 1861; wife Lydia, born Jan. 20, 1813, died March 27, 1892); Peter, Aug. 16, 1811 (died Sept. 12, 1878; wife Lydia, born Sept. 23, 1817, died March 27, 1887); Susanna, March 5, 1814.

John Brown, son of Michael, born March 17, 1803, lived on the place now occupied by his son John F. Brown. He was not only a farmer, but a carpenter and weaver as well, doing house and shop carpentry, making considerable furniture and in his earlier years many coffins, and he wove all sorts of woolen wear and carpets. He was active in church life and held various church offices. His wife, Catharine (Fetter), daughter of Friedrich Fetter, was born Aug. 27, 1806, and died Jan. 3,

1871, and Mr. Brown passed away March 10, 1891. They are buried side by side at the Salem Church. Their children were as follows: Fromena, born in August, 1829, married Elias Erdman and (second) Daniel Romberger; Lovina, born in 1831, married Jacob Paul; Jacob, born in 1833, died aged fourteen years; Hannah, born in 1836, died unmarried; Simon is mentioned below; a son born in 1841 died in infancy; Elias, born in 1843, died aged six years; John F. is mentioned below; Catharine, born in 1859, married Monroe Shadel.

Simon Brown, son of John, was born Aug. 31, 1838, on the farm of his father in Upper Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer, an industrious, thrifty, successful man. His property adjoined the homestead to the south. An active member of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church, he served as deacon and elder, and he is buried at that church. His death occurred Jan. 17, 1902, when he was aged sixty-three years, four months, seventeen days. Mr. Brown married Catharine Paul, who was born Dec. 19, 1838, daughter of Abraham and Esther (Merkel) Paul, and died Aug. 2, 1906. They were the parents of nine children: John W., Hettie, Cassie (married Elsworth Erdman), Adam H. (deceased), a son that died in infancy, Polly (deceased), Milton (deceased), Abraham and William.

JOHN W. BROWN, son of Simon, is a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born Oct. 2, 1870. He obtained his education in the home locality, attending the common schools, and was trained to farm work from boyhood, beginning farming on his own account at his present home in 1901. This was once a Delp homestead, was later owned by Jacob Paul, and after him by Simon Brown, father of John W. Brown. It consists of ninety-five acres located a quarter of a mile from the Schuylkill county line, and is well improved, though the house and barn are structures of long standing. Mr. Brown has gained a position among the most honorable and trusted citizens of his locality, and he has been chosen to serve as auditor of his township. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

On Nov. 28, 1891, Mr. Brown married Harriet Rothermel, who was a daughter of Solomon and Pietta (Snyder) Rothermel, and she died April 9, 1910, aged forty years, seven months, four days. She was a highly respected woman, and her funeral was largely attended, many neighbors and friends showing their sympathy for the bereaved family. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born children as follows: Clements, Maud, Minnie and Beulah (who died in 1908; aged six months). Mr. Brown and his family are Reformed members of the Salem Church, and he has served as deacon of his congregation.

JOHN F. BROWN, son of John and Catharine (Fetter) Brown, is a well known farmer citizen



of Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born Dec. 13, 1843. He has passed all his life on his father's homestead, working for his father until past his majority. After his father's death the property, consisting of sixty-five acres, came into his possession. One part of the house is very old, having been built probably more than a hundred years ago, and the rest of the buildings on the place were erected by John Brown, father of the present owner. Mr. Brown has been particularly interested in public school matters in his township, and his services on the school board cover almost twenty years; he is still a member of that body. Politically he is a Democrat.

In May, 1873, Mr. Brown married Elmira Dietz, daughter of Jonas Dietz, whose father, Michael Dietz (1806-1882), came to this section from Berks county. She died in August, 1874, at the early age of twenty-two years, the mother of one son, William Franklin, who now lives near Uniontown, Pa. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church. On Oct. 17, 1875, Mr. Brown married (second) Emma Elizabeth Kiehl, daughter of George and Mary (Stahr) Kiehl, of Upper Mahanoy township, but now of Ashland, Pa., and by this union there have been twelve children: Jane E., married to Wilson Reitz; Charles V., who married Sarah Mattern; John Preston, who married Sallie Trautman; Katie S., who died aged seventeen years, seven months, eighteen days; Sadie E., married to Charles Wiest; Farietta; Froene Mabel, married to J. Allen Reed; Samuel W.; one daughter that died in infancy; Clarence O.; Lulu May, and Rosa Alverta. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their family belong to the Reformed congregation of the Salem Union Church, at Rough and Ready, to which his parents also belonged. He has been an active member for many years, having served as deacon, for many years as trustee, and since 1903 as elder.

JOHN W. HECK, merchant and justice of the peace at Marion Heights, this county, which forms part of the borough of Keiser, has been one of the leading and most active citizens of that borough since its organization, and his influence has been felt in many of the most progressive movements in this section. He has been in business there in various lines ever since he settled in the place, and has held a number of the local offices, giving the same intelligent service in public affairs as he does in the conduct of his private interests.

Mr. Heck is of German descent, his grandfather, Samuel Heck, having come from his native Germany when a young man and settled in Maryland, in which State he passed the remainder of his life. He followed the milling business.

John W. Heck, son of Samuel, was born in Maryland, and coming to Pennsylvania located

at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill county, where he owned the hotel for a number of years. He sold out the business about two years before his death, and thereafter followed butchering. He died suddenly, at the age of forty-three years. To him and his wife Rebecca (Hartlein) were born seven sons, only two of whom survive: Francis (who is in the wholesale flour business at Shamokin, Pa.) and John W.

John W. Heck, son of John W. and Rebecca (Hartlein) Heck, was born in 1859 at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was brought to Northumberland county when six years old, and grew up in Shamokin township, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen years. He then went to the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, for three terms, after which he began work. Locating at Reed's station he was employed in the manufacture of smoking tobacco for some time, and then located at Paxinos, where he followed the butcher business for three years. For the next two and a half years he was with the Reading Company, after which he taught school at Paxinos for two terms. Then for three years he was superintendent of the Paxinos store, for Mrs. Littlehail, spending the next three years with George W. Mifflin, whom he bought out. He continued in the business as proprietor for two and a half years, when he sold out, in 1897 making a trip to Alaska, prospecting. He was eleven months and fourteen days on this interesting journey. Upon his return he located at Freeburg for a year and a half, removing thence to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he became manager of the "Ashland House." While there he was granted a license, in 1899, at Marion Heights, being the first in the place to obtain a license as hotel-keeper, but he continued for a time at Ashland, being there from 1898 to November, 1899. He has since been a resident of Marion Heights. In 1901 he built a fine three-storyed hotel in the eastern part of the town and conducted same until May, 1902, at which time he sold to Lewis Zuschin. He has since been engaged in the mercantile business, carrying a large general stock, besides flour and feed, and in 1904 built the fine store and dwelling, 36 by 48 feet in dimensions, which he has since occupied.

There has been no more public-spirited citizen in Keiser than Mr. Heck. He was the leader in the movement which resulted in the formation of the borough of Keiser, in 1905, and in February, 1906, he was elected the first justice of the peace, which office he is still filling. The first chief burgess was Joseph Lucas. Mr. Heck has also served as clerk of the council and as secretary of the school board. He is a Democrat in political conviction, and though the borough could boast but eleven Democrats in the fall of 1907, at a normal election, there were seventy-six votes cast for a





Democrat who was a good local man, the influence of citizens like Mr. Heck being apparent on such occasions. He was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. G. E. and the P. O. S. of A.

In 1879 Mr. Heck married Clara Menges, daughter of George W. Menges, of Freeburg, Pa., and to them have been born seven children, four of whom survive: George, Leroy (married to Rebecca Hoover, and living in Philadelphia), Mary E. and Maude F. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

JOHN J. CAMPTON, funeral director and embalmer, of Shamokin, has been engaged in that line of business in the borough for a period of thirty years, since 1880. He is located at No. 410 Webster street, and has facilities for the convenient handling of the excellent trade he has established.

Mr. Campton was born in 1852 in Trevorton, Northumberland county, son of James and Annie (Buggey) Campton, natives of Ireland. The father came to this country from County Tipperary when a young man, with his wife and small family, and they made their first settlement in Schuylkill county, later moving to Trevorton, where Mr. Campton followed mining. He was killed while at work in the mines, in 1852, at Donaldson; he is buried at Minersville, Schuylkill county. Mrs. Campton died at Shamokin. They had a large family, namely: Mary A., Joanna, Ellen, Margaret, Catherine, Sarah, Elizabeth and John J.

John J. Campton began attending school at Trevorton. He was eight years old when he came to Shamokin, where he has since lived, and on commencing work learned the cabinetmaker's trade, at which he was engaged until he went into the undertaking business, in 1880. He is well fitted for his business, both by training and by experience, and has his full share of the local patronage.

Mr. Campton married Minie L. Cobb, daughter of Gaudner Cobb, late of Shamokin, and they have had children as follows: Normand, born Nov. 22, 1883, who died when four years old; James, born Jan. 6, 1885, who died when fourteen months old; Gilbert, born April 2, 1886; Eva, born Aug. 28, 1887; John, born Nov. 2, 1888; Gordner, born Feb. 7, 1890, who died in infancy; Arthur, born Aug. 8, 1891; Edward, born Feb. 28, 1893; George, born March 2, 1894, who died when fourteen months old; Joseph, born April 21, 1895, who died when fourteen months old; William, born April 15, 1896, who died when ten months old; Harry, born April 2, 1897; Anna, born Nov. 5, 189-; Margaret, born Nov. 4, 1901; Laura, born July 3, 1902; Charles, born April 22, 1906; and two sons that died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Campton is a member of St. Edward's

Catholic Church of Shamokin, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM S. KAHLER, who has been a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township since 1876, belongs to a family which has been located in Juniata county, Pa., since his grandfather, Philip Kahler, came to this country from Germany, about 1852. He landed at Castle Garden, New York, and thence proceeded at once to Juniata county, settling in the woods in a region then sparsely populated and unimproved. He had to clear the land before he could commence its cultivation, erected the first buildings on the tract, and was a pioneer in every sense of the word. He took up 250 acres, but sold some of it, and became a prosperous farmer, his industry and well directed energy bringing him a good living. He and his wife were buried at Leininger's Church in the locality where they settled. In religion he was a Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kahler had children as follows: Margaretha married Henry Ford; Barbara married Barney Fogel, who was of German extraction; William and George both became farmers in Greenwood township, Juniata county, where the daughters also lived, their husbands being farmers there.

George Kahler, son of Philip, was a native of Germany, and was about fourteen years old when he came with his parents to this country. He passed the rest of his life in Greenwood township, Juniata Co., Pa., dying there in October, 1890, at the age of sixty-two years. He owned a farm of 130 acres, and was an enterprising agriculturist, becoming one of the most successful farmers of his neighborhood. He was a Democrat, and served his township many years in the office of supervisor. He and his family were of the Lutheran faith, and were members of Leininger's Church, where he is buried. To his first marriage, with Amelia Snyder, daughter of Jonas Snyder, were born the following children: Catharine married William Feltman; Louisa married Amos Howerter; Philip died in infancy; William S. is mentioned below; Susanna married Jacob Mitterling. For his second wife Mr. Kahler married Lydia Hallman, and they had two children: Edward, now a resident of Schuylkill county, Pa.; and George H., of Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

William S. Kahler was born Aug. 9, 1856, in Greenwood township, Juniata Co., Pa., and began his education in the subscription schools of the home district, later attending the public schools. In his twenty-third year he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nine years. Meantime, in the fall of 1876, he had come to Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and at once located on the farm which has since been his home. After giving most





of his attention to farming for several years he purchased a steam threshing outfit, the second to be put into operation in the locality, and for nineteen years did threshing. He has also sawed considerable timber, and since 1894 has operated a cider press, making large quantities of cider. Besides his home farm he owns a place of forty-seven acres lying along the road between Leek Kill and Line Mountain, formerly the Elias Howerter homestead. Mr. Kahler is regarded by all his associates as a man of ability and intelligence, as is shown by the fact that he has been honored with official recognition in the various phases of the life of the community with which he has been identified. He is a Democrat in politics, has been school director of the township and is at present supervisor; has been deacon of St. James (Howerters) Church, where he and his family worship; and is a past grand of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leek Kill, in which he has passed all the chairs.

In 1880 Mr. Kahler married Mary Howerter, only daughter of Elias and Caroline (Leffler) Howerter, and they are the parents of two children: Katie married Francis M. Paul, of Shamokin, Pa., and has one child, Verna; Francis H., who is an engineer, married Eliza Paul, daughter of William Paul, and they have one son, Clarence W.

**HOWERTER.** Adam Howerter, the first known ancestor of a family numerously represented in Berks and Northumberland counties, Pa., was born Sept. 2, 1742, and died in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., near Howerters Church, Dec. 6, 1819. The inscription on his tombstone says "born in Chester county," but family tradition has it that he was one of the Hessian soldiers brought here by the English government during the Revolutionary war, after which he settled in Chester county, Pa. About 1786 he located in Longswamp township, Berks county, where in 1790 the Federal Census Report records him as the head of a family of three sons and four daughters. The eldest son, Henry, was already married in that year, but at that time had no children. He is said to have remained in Berks county, but Adam and his other children, sons Johan Adam and Johan Peter and four daughters, came to the Mahantango Valley, settling in that district now embraced in Upper Mahanoy township, where the father took up a large tract of land, some of which he cleared, erecting the first set of buildings thereon. He and his wife Catharine, who according to the tombstone inscription was born in Europe Dec. 23, 1748, and died April 23, 1819, are buried at Howerters Church. They were Lutherans in religion, as are their descendants. Three of their daughters married brothers named Wary, another

was married to a Spiece, and another to a DeTurk. One of the Warys is buried at Mahanoy, one at Herb's Church. The tradition that the emigrant ancestor was a Hessian soldier may be correct, as no Howerter appears among the immigrants to this country recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives.

Johan Adam Howerter, one of the sons of Adam Howerter who accompanied him to Northumberland county, was born Aug. 24, 1769, and died Feb. 14, 1847. His wife, Catharine (Diehl), born Nov. 29, 1772, died May 18, 1851. They had no children. They are buried at Howerters Church.

Johan Peter Howerter, the other son of Adam Howerter who came with his father to Northumberland county, was born Nov. 4, 1772, and owned a 130-acre farm near Howerters Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he died May 6, 1862. This place is now owned by George Paul. He was one of the prominent members of Howerters Church, in which he held various official positions, and he was one of the building masters when the first church was erected. That edifice stood until replaced by the present building, in 1893, which his grandson, Amos Howerter, helped to build. His family are also buried there. He married Elizabeth Diehl, who was born Aug. 27, 1778, daughter of Johannes Diehl, and sister of his brother's wife Catharine. Mrs. Howerter died July 6, 1860, the mother of children as follows: Solomon; Peter; Daniel; Abraham; Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Zerfink; Catharine, Mrs. Peter Stoudt; and Polly, Mrs. Daniel Bloom.

Solomon Howerter, son of Johan Peter Howerter, was born on the homestead Feb. 1, 1805, and was a lifelong farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, living on a 120-acre farm on the south side of Line Mountain, not far from Howerters Church. It was located on the road crossing Line Mountain to Shamokin. There he died June 25, 1878, and his wife, Mary (Hepler), born Feb. 7, 1808, died June 14, 1876. They are buried at Howerters Church. They were the parents of ten children: Elias, who died June 30, 1907, aged seventy-nine years, three months, six days, lived in Upper Mahanoy, and his only child was Mary, now the wife of William S. Kahler, of that township; Catharine married Godfried Schreffler; Benneville lives in Juniata county, Pa.; Charles is a resident of Crawford county, Ill.; Jared lives in Shamokin, Pa.; Judith married Jacob Conrad, and they live in Shamokin; Luzena and Augustus died young; Amos is mentioned below; Aaron (deceased) lived in Girardville, Pennsylvania.

Amos Howerter, son of Solomon, was born Oct. 2, 1844, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was there reared. When twenty-one he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for sixteen years in Upper Mahanoy and at the coal min-



ing towns, building a number of houses and barns and doing work at the breakers; he employed as many as four men. In the spring of 1879 he began farming at his present place in Upper Mahanoy, having a sixty-eight-acre farm on the road leading across Line Mountain to Shamokin, besides which he owns twenty-five acres of mountain land. He built the house on his home property several years before he began farming there, and all the buildings are of his construction and the first to be built upon that land. He put up the others when he settled down to farming there. Mr. Howerter has been a useful citizen, has served his township three years as school director, and has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation of Howerters Union Church, to which his family also belong. He has served as deacon and trustee, is at present an elder, and was building master when the present church edifice was erected. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 29, 1874, Mr. Howerter married Louisa Kahler, daughter of George Kahler, who lived in Juniata county, Pa., and they have had children as follows: William I., who lives on a tract of fifty-four acres formerly owned by his ancestor's brother, Johan Adam Howerter, the latter's property, however, being much larger in extent; George Monroe; Catherine N., who married Wilson Wagner and lives in Shamokin; Emma L.; Mary E.; Edward A.; Amelia M., and Freeman Amos.

George Monroe Howerter, son of Amos, was born Jan. 14, 1878, on his father's farm and obtained his education in the common schools of the locality. He worked for his father until he was past twenty-one, and in the fall of 1905 began farming on his present place, which contains thirty-eight acres, near the Schuylkill county line, and upon which he has made a number of improvements since it came into his possession, including the summer house which he built in 1909. This property was first owned by George Geist, later by Daniel Geist, who built the dwelling, then by William Geist, who built the barn in 1879, and subsequently by Daniel Klock, whom Mr. Howerter succeeded. Mr. Howerter sells his produce in Shamokin, and he is a good business man as well as a thrifty farmer.

On May 31, 1902, he married Amanda Rebuck, daughter of John and Sarah (Rebuck) Rebuck, and granddaughter of Elias and Mary (Reitz) Rebuck and of (maternally) Conrad and Lucy (Shott) Rebuck. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howerter: Mary Florence, George William and Emma Sylvia. Mr. and Mrs. Howerter are Lutheran members of St. Jacob's (Howerters) Church in Upper Mahanoy township. Politically he is a Democrat.

ADAMS or ADAM. There are numerous representatives of the Adam or Adams family in Northumberland county. Its history in America goes back to the first half of the eighteenth century, when Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, emigrated to these shores. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. Anthony Adam's age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years, and one account says he was born in the Fatherland, another that he was a French Huguenot. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches of land in Albany township, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. It is probable that he settled in Albany township immediately after his arrival in the New World, as he was a settler there in 1752, and he witnessed and participated in the trying times of the French and Indian wars. His farm is now in the possession of Nathan Weisner, of Round Top, Albany township, Berks county. On Feb. 7, 1748, he also received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres, 47 perches "above Maxatawny," and in 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. He was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, of Albany township, in 1766, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony (or Andoni, as he wrote his name) Adam, of Albany township, is not known. Neither do we know the name of his wife, but it is known that he had sons: Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who moved to Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Peter.

Bernhard Adam, son of Andoni, was a pioneer in Northumberland county, settling in Washington township on the farm now owned by a descendant, Adam Cornelius Adams, and tenanted by the latter's son, Clements I. Adams. It has been in the family for five generations. Bernhard Adam followed farming. He and his wife clung to the Reformed faith, and they are buried at the Himmel Church. They had eight children: John, who had sons Gabriel and Abraham; Nicholas, who lived at Springville, in Schuylkill county (his wife's maiden name was Hoffa); Catharine; Absalom, who had sons Nicholas and Abraham, the latter of whom lived at Hoofland, in Jordan township; Bernhard, the next in the line we are tracing; Charles, who married and had children; and two whose names are not known.





Bernhard Adam, son of Bernhard, was born May 14, 1793, in Berks county, Pa., and coming to what is now Washington township, Northumberland county, married Salome Ferster (or Furster), who was born June 3, 1796, and died Nov. 19, 1846. He died Aug. 25, 1864, and they are buried at the Himmel Church, where they worshipped, being members of the Reformed congregation. Bernhard Adam served that church officially many years, as deacon, elder and trustee. He was a farmer by occupation, owning the homestead of his father, a tract of 139 acres, now owned by Adam Cornelius Adams. On that property he built a barn which was destroyed by lightning in the nineties. He took great delight in hunting, and shot a deer in the district where many of his descendants now live. A bear was also one of his hunting trophies, and he bore an excellent reputation as a marksman.

The following children were born to Bernhard and Salome Adam: Polly married Jonathan Heim and they went West; Isaac never married; a daughter who married Daniel Klock went West, settling in Illinois; Sarah married John Held and moved out to Illinois; Bernhard is mentioned later; Lena married James Troutman; David, born April 1, 1837, died in Washington township July 16, 1882, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Harriet Byerly, born July 19, 1844, died Oct. 20, 1890; Hannah married Philip Graser and moved West.

Bernhard Adam, son of Bernhard and Salome Adam, was the third of the name to own the homestead farm. He was born Nov. 5, 1827, in Washington (then Jackson) township, and died on his home farm in that township, Oct. 17, 1905. A lifelong farmer, he prospered in his work to the extent that he acquired three farms, the one of 150 acres on which he lived, another of 120 acres and a third of 148 acres. He was an active member of the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church, attending services regularly and holding all the church offices. His wife, Matilda (Zerfing), daughter of Jacob Zerfing (whose wife was a Klock), was born March 25, 1832, and died Sept. 3, 1899. They were the parents of sixteen children, namely: Sallie married Erisman Adam; Andrew is mentioned below; James Washington, born in 1853, died in 1891, unmarried; Clinton died young; Mary married John Tyson and they live at Shamokin, this county; Lafayette married Catharine Starr; Joseph died small; Adam Cornelius is mentioned below; Turrell died when young; Monroe married Emma Fegley; Cassie, twin of Monroe, married Henry Crissinger, and is deceased; Samuel lives in Dauphin county; Jemima died young; Richard lives at Gratztown, Pa.; Miranda married Francis Schlegel; Jacob died out West.

ANDREW ADAMS, son of Bernhard and Matilda, is a well-to-do farmer of Washington township, where he was born July 28, 1852. He attended subscription school near his home until the establishment of the public schools, in which he was a pupil for about eight winters. Reared to farm life, he worked for his parents until he became of age and about 1877 began farming at his present home, having a ninety-acre tract about two miles south of Rebuck. It was formerly a Schreffler farm, and earlier belonged to the Beissels, and the barn, which is very old, was built by a Beissel. There is a stone house on this farm now considerably over one hundred years old, being in fact the oldest landmark in this section. The wall is very substantial, and it is built over a good spring. The large frame house now used as a dwelling was erected by Mr. Adam about 1885. He has been a thrifty farmer and has done well, and he bears a high reputation among his neighbors and friends. He is an active church worker, he and his family belonging to the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, which he is at present serving as elder; he formerly held the office of deacon. Mr. Adams is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Adams was first married to Polly Brosius, who was born Jan. 20, 1851, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wenrich) Brosius, and died April 17, 1888; she is buried at Himmel's Church. Of the children born to this union, Jemima died when eight months old; Eva married Daniel Price; and several died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Adams married Mrs. Mary (Trautman) Hoffman, widow of George Hoffman, and they have had one son, Leon Thomas, of Washington township, who married Sallie Schraeder and has one son, Daniel R.

ADAM CORNELIUS ADAMS, son of Bernhard and Matilda, also a substantial farmer of Washington township, was born Aug. 10, 1863, on the old homestead of the Adams family. He obtained his education in the township schools, was reared to farm life, and assisted his father in horse dealing, butchering and huckstering in his earlier manhood. In the spring of 1888 he began farming for himself at the place where he now lives, a farm of 108 acres which formerly belonged to the Reitzes, first to Philip Reitz and later to his son Andrew Reitz. It is on the road between Rebuck and Greenbrier. Mr. Adams rented the house and enlarged it, and in 1908 he built an addition to the large barn erected by Philip Reitz, who also built the house. Mr. Adams also owns forty acres of woodland, and his father's old homestead of about 138 acres, which adjoins his own home farm, and which is one of the most valuable tracts in the township. His son Clements now cultivates it. Mr. Adams is a Republican in





politics, and he has held the position of supervisor of the township for some time, still serving in that capacity. He and his family are Reformed members of Himmel's Church, which he served as deacon and elder for a number of years.

On July 1, 1887, Mr. Adams married Mary Crissinger, daughter of William and Susanna (Rebuck) Crissinger, of Washington township, and they have had four children: Clements I., George C., Eugene F., and Mamie S. Clements I. Adams, who farms the old Adams homestead, married Annie Adams, of Shamokin, a very distant relative, and they have one son, Sydney.

Nicholas Adam, the ancestor of a large number of this name, was a native of Berks county, born July 5, 1758, and coming to Northumberland settled in the Swabian Creek district, in what is now known as Washington township. He was a farmer, owning the farm which later became the property of Isaac Tryon, a large tract, and he also owned what are now the farms of Nathan Adams, Mrs. James Troutman, Cornelius Adams and Galen Stepp, besides land along the Deep creek. In fact, he was one of the most extensive landowners in his section. He died April 11, 1826, and is buried at Himmel's Church or in a private burial ground. His death was caused by consumption. His sons were: John, who left children Gabriel and Nathaniel; Gideon, mentioned below; Absalom; Nicholas, who left children; Abraham, Nicholas, Adam, and daughters; Adam, who died unmarried; Bernhard, and several daughters.

Gideon Adams, son of Nicholas, was born in the Swabian Creek district, was a plasterer, and followed his trade in addition to farming, having a tract of 120 acres located along the Middle creek in Washington township. He was active in the interests of the locality, was a member of the Republican party, served as supervisor, and belonged to Himmel's Church, in which he held office. His wife was a daughter of Solomon Campbell, and they had the following children: Elizabeth married Henry Welker; Julian married Jacob Welker (brother of Henry); Polly died unmarried; Jeremiah is mentioned below; Molly married Benjamin Daniel.

Jeremiah Adams, son of Gideon, is buried at Himmel's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was the owner of the homestead farm, now the property of Helena Troutman. To him and his wife Hannah (Wentzel), daughter of Abraham Wentzel, were born the following children: Timothy married Louisa Kutz; Lucetta married Andrew Paul and (second) Andrew Brosius; Priscilla married Allen Wiest; Louisa married Tobias Strohecker; Elizabeth died young; Erisman married Sallie Adam; Jeremiah married Susan Wolfgang; James E. married Sarah

J. Haag; Emanuel is mentioned below; Andrew M. married Ellen Brosius.

EMANUEL ADAM, a prosperous farmer living along the Mahantango creek in Lower Mahanoy township, was born July 28, 1857, in Washington township. He has followed farming all his life, and in 1877 began his independent career as a tenant in Washington township, continuing thus about two years. The second year at that place he also engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for two years, and then for two years carried on farming in Lower Mahanoy township. At the end of that time he bought a farm of ninety-two acres, the homestead of Christopher Colpha (a native of Berks county). In 1906 he purchased the place in Lower Mahanoy where he at present resides, a tract of 163 acres which formerly belonged to Emanuel and Peggy Heckert. Mr. Adam is an energetic man, and he has made many improvements in the property since he took possession, notably the new house which he built in 1909. He is a good manager and has his land under profitable cultivation, adopting new methods where practicable and showing thrift and good judgment in all his undertakings.

In 1880 Mr. Adam married Catharine E. Clark, of Jordan township, daughter of Ed. Clark, who gave his life to his country during the Civil war; Mrs. Adam never saw her father. Mr. and Mrs. Adam have had a large family, viz.: Clara (married Charles Boyer), Charles (deceased), Oscar (married Dora Deibler), James, John, Elmer, Milton, Roy, Sadie, Harry, Mark, and Raymond. Mr. Adam and his family are members of the Trinity Church of the Evangelical Association, and he has been quite active in its work, having served as exhorter, class-leader and trustee. Politically he is a Republican.

Absalom Adam, grandfather of Tobias and Nathan Adams, farmers of Washington township, was evidently a son of Nicholas, above, and lived to an advanced age, dying about 1849. He was a farmer, owning property which is still in the family name, the farm now owned by his grandson, Nathan Adams. He was a pioneer in Washington township, where he came to live when the land was nearly all covered with timber, settling in the hills because he thought good hay could be grown in the valleys. The house in which he lived, near the mountain, stood for many years, being torn down by Nathan Adams in 1908. Mr. Adam and his family are buried at the Himmel Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Wentzel or Wetzel, died before him, being stricken with paralysis while engaged in sweeping. She was advanced in years at the time. Ten children were born to this couple: Leah married Mr. Williams; Eliza married James Anders, of Miners-





ville; Rebecca married Abraham Bressler; Sallie married Peter Howerter; Jestina married Peter Baer; Hannah married Henry Schroeder; Gideon lived in the Mahantango Valley, but died in Shamokin when over eighty years old; Nicholas is mentioned below; Adam lived for many years in Shamokin, where he died when nearly seventy; John, who had lived in Illinois, died on the field of battle during the Civil war.

Nicholas Adam, son of Absalom, was born in Washington township on the farm now occupied by his son Nathan, owned that property, and was a lifelong farmer, though he learned the trade of stonemason and followed it to some extent in his earlier manhood. He died March 4, 1889, aged sixty-eight years, five months, twenty-six days, and he and his wife are buried at the Himmel Church, of which they were Reformed members. He served his congregation as deacon, elder and trustee. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Elizabeth (Schreffler), died Sept. 30, 1900, aged eighty-one years, five months, twenty-nine days. They had children as follows: William, Tobias, Sarah (who died young), John, Nathan, and Aaron (deceased).

TOBIAS ADAMS, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Schreffler) Adams, was born May 20, 1850, on the old homestead. He attended school until he was sixteen years old, studying at the subscription schools then conducted in the neighborhood, and the instruction was entirely in the German language. Working for his parents until about the time he attained his majority, he afterward worked for other farmers for three and a half years. He owns a thirty-five-acre farm one mile east of Rebuck, in Washington township, which was formerly an Eyster homestead and later the property of Rev. Augustus Bergner, Mr. Adams's father-in-law. On Jan. 26, 1873, Mr. Adams married Odelia Bergner, daughter of Rev. Augustus and Augusta (Feltdrop) Bergner, natives of the vine region of the Fatherland; their eldest child was born before they came to America, the others in this country, their family consisting of six children, Louisa, Francis, Hetrich, Amelia, Luther and Odelia. Rev. Mr. Bergner was a Lutheran minister, and preached at Mahanoy and in all the other Lutheran churches in that section. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born seven children: Francis; Flora and Rosa, twins, the former the wife of Rufus Schwalm, the latter the wife of Robert Schmeltz; Henry, who died when five years old; Katie and Amelia, twins, the latter married to William Griffith; and Monroe. The mother died Dec. 5, 1906, aged fifty-eight years, five months, twenty-three days, and is buried at the Himmel Church. Mr. Adams and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church, where he is now serving his

second term as elder. He was a deacon for some years.

NATHAN ADAMS, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Schreffler) Adams, was born Feb. 2, 1858. He obtained his education in the local subscription and common schools, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he became of age. Since 1890 he has farmed his present property, the old home place, having one hundred acres, sixty under cultivation. This property lies along the Middle creek. Mr. Adams sells his produce at Ashland, running a huckster route to that point, where he makes weekly trips. Politically he is a Republican, and he and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church. Mr. Adams is a substantial citizen, and a much respected member of his community.

On April 12, 1905, Mr. Adams married Mrs. Lena (Wolfgang) Klinger, daughter of Daniel Wolfgang and widow of George Klinger. She had six children by her first marriage: Oliver, William, Jennie, Mary (deceased), Annie and Edith. No children have been born to her union with Mr. Adams.

WILLIAM R. IRVIN, furniture dealer and undertaker at Mount Carmel, is one of the leading men in his line of business in this section of Pennsylvania. He has owned his fine store in the borough since 1906, and previous to that for several years was in partnership with his father in the same establishment, so though but a young man he has had long and valuable experience and is well fitted to conduct the business along the most approved lines.

Mr. Irvin's grandfather was born in England and on coming to America settled at Wilmington, Del. Richard B. Irvin, his father, located at Centralia, Columbia Co., Pa., where he was employed at the mines for a time. Later he came to Mount Carmel, where he learned cabinet making, and in 1870 he engaged in business as a cabinet maker at what is now the corner of Oak and Avenue streets. There he constructed the first two hearses he built, the first a very crude affair, the second a substantial vehicle which his son still uses in making long trips. Mr. Irvin continued to be active in the business until he sold out to his son in 1906 and retired, now making his home at Germantown, Philadelphia. He married Ellen Wier.

William R. Irvin was born Aug. 8, 1877, at Mount Carmel, and received his education at that place, graduating from the high school in 1896. He then entered the Pittsburg College of Embalming, where he remained for a year, fitting himself thoroughly for his life work. Returning to Mount Carmel he was his father's assistant from





that time, in 1897 becoming a partner in the business, which, as previously stated, he bought from his father in 1906. His fine store, located at Nos. 29-31 North Oak street, has a larger stock of furniture than any other establishment of the kind between Williamsport and Reading, and he does the largest furniture business in his part of the state. His goods are up-to-date and of high quality, and his patrons appreciate the fact that they can obtain as desirable a selection, at reasonable expenditure, as the stores in the larger cities afford. Like his father, Mr. Irvin takes a pride in making his house a synonym for the best of everything in the furniture and undertaking line, and his efforts have been rewarded with a class and volume of trade creditable alike to him and to the community in which his business is carried on.

Mr. Irvin married Gertrude Davis, of Shamokin, this county, and to them have been born three children: William D., Margaret and Richard.

Socially Mr. Irvin belongs to the Elks, the Odd Fellows (and Rebekah degree), the P. O. S. of A. and the Masons, in the latter connection holding membership in Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., Griscomb Chapter, R. A. M., and Prince of Peace Chapter, of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES A. SENSENBACH**, of Sunbury, has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for over thirty years, and since the year 1895 has been foreman of the blacksmith department at Sunbury, being a master blacksmith. He was born April 6, 1861, at McEwensville, Northumberland county, son of Charles Sensenbach.

Godfrey Sensenbach was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Pennsylvania via New York, accompanied by his cousin Charles Sensenbach. They were redemptioners. At New York they were purchased by a man named Knauss, from Bath, Northampton Co., Pa., to serve for their passage. They afterward decided to remain with him, and did so for some years. Charles Sensenbach never married. Godfrey Sensenbach succeeded his employer as butcher, and after Mr. Knauss's death continued butchering at Bath, Pa., until after the building of the Lehigh canal. He then sold out the business and moved to Rockport, Carbon Co., Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile, hotel and boatbuilding business until the panic of 1857, which caused him to fail. After the panic he took his son-in-law, Charles Deterline, into partnership, but the freshet of 1862 wiped out their establishment. Godfrey Sensenbach was tall and well built, and was a man of ability and energy. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His wife died about 1860, and he died during the early sixties,

aged eighty years; he is buried at Trexlertown, Pa. A large family was born to this couple: William; John; Israel; Jacob, who located in Northumberland county; Charles, who located in Northumberland county; Daniel; Stephen; Joseph; James; Sallie, who married George Heil; Polly, who became the second wife of George Heil and lived at Trexlertown; and Rose, who married Charles Deterline. Joseph, of Freeland, Pa., alone survives.

Charles Sensenbach was a native of Northampton county, Pa., born Aug. 8, 1820. He came thence to Northumberland county, and after living in McEwensville moved to Sunbury, remaining in that borough until 1871. He died at Sunbury July 27, 1878, and is buried at McEwensville. In his earlier life Mr. Sensenbach was a cabinet maker, and he subsequently followed the trade of painter. During his residence in Sunbury he became quite well known, serving as member of the council from the old West ward. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Rosanna Aralia (Gold), daughter of David Gold, of McEwensville (who followed farming and operated a grist mill), died Sept. 8, 1875, aged forty-eight years, three months. They were the parents of fourteen children: Cloyd; Elizabeth, married to Daniel Paden; Emma, married to D. C. Blank; James; Augusta; Charles A.; Elmer; David; and six who died young. All this family were born at McEwensville.

Charles A. Sensenbach received his education in the public schools near his home. In 1880 he began learning the trade of blacksmith in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whose employ he had entered in April, 1879, and after finishing his apprenticeship continued as journeyman for eleven years, being promoted to his present responsible position in 1895. As foreman of the blacksmith department he has thirty-five men under his direction. Mr. Sensenbach commands the respect of his associates and the esteem of his fellow citizens generally, and their confidence in his integrity and ability was shown in his election as councilman of the Fourth ward, in which position he served two years. He has lived in Sunbury since 1871.

Mr. Sensenbach married Adalaid Rhoads, daughter of William and Hannah K. Rhoads, and sister of Walton F. Rhoads, cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury. Four children have been born to this union: William H. died in infancy; Walton F. R. graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1903 and is now employed as a blacksmith by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (he is a member of the Masonic fraternity); Cloyd R. had both legs cut off in an accident on the railroad and died five hours later, when fifteen years old; Rachel is the only daughter. Mr. Sensenbach and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church





at Sunbury. He is a Republican in political matters, and is interested in the success of the party. He gives his support to all worthy movements, particularly those affecting the advancement of his own community.

GEORGE W. TURNER, JR., proprietor of the Paxinos Hotel, was born in 1870 in Longton, England, son of George W. and Annie (Robinson) Turner. His grandfather died in that country at the age of 106 years.

George W. Turner, the father, was born in England, where he owned a coal wharf and also engaged in horse dealing. In 1876 he came to America with his family, landing at Philadelphia, and he has lived in Northumberland and Schuylkill counties, at present residing on a farm in the latter county, near Mowry postoffice. He followed mining for some time and also dealt in horses. He married Annie Robinson, daughter of Colonel Robinson, who gained considerable fame because of the part he took in the Sack war in England. Mrs. Turner was born on the ocean while the family were en route to India, in which country she remained until fourteen years old, when she went to England. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have had nine children: Mary, Annie, George W., John H., William, Edith, Martha, Lillie and Elmer.

George W. Turner, Jr., came to America with his parents. After beginning work he was employed at the mines for some time and then engaged in the butcher business and the baking business which he followed until 1909. That year he erected the fine apartment building at Nos. 30-32 Market street, Shamokin, known as the Turner building, which contains forty-five fine rooms. Mr. Turner has a theater on the first floor of the building, which has been well patronized ever since it was opened. The location is excellent, and adds considerable to the value of the structure, which has proved a good investment. On April 9, 1910, Mr. Turner became proprietor of the "Paxinos Hotel," a well known establishment, one of the best known hotel stands in the county. He is a member of the Independent Fire Company.

On Feb. 16, 1891, Mr. Turner married Sarah C. Neumeister, daughter of Charles and Elmira (Yoder) Neumeister, and they have two children, Sylvia V. (married to William E. Haines) and George L.

MIKE MILLER, of Sunbury, has been a resident of that borough since 1901 and during the few years of his location there has established a prosperous business. As a wholesale dealer in iron, metal, rags, paper, etc., he is one of the most successful dealers in his line in this section of the state, having a large establishment between Seventh and Eighth streets and the Shamokin

branch of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, and he also conducts a clothing and men's furnishings store.

Mr. Miller was born April 7, 1872, in Riga, Russia, of which place his father, Matthias Miller, was also a native, born in 1848. The father came to America in 1888 and was engaged as a fruit dealer in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., having a store on North Ninth street, until his death, which occurred in 1890. He is buried in the Jewish cemetery at the Green Tree, in Cumru township, Berks county. His wife, Annie (Conn), also from Russia, still resides in Reading, now (1910) sixty-nine years old. She is familiarly and affectionately called "Grandma Miller" by many in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Miller had children as follows: Benjamin, who lives at Danville, Pa.; Minnie, married to Morris Brody, of Reading; Mike; Jacob, of Danville; and William, who died in Denver, Colo., and is buried in Cumru township, Berks county.

Mike Miller came to America with his parents in 1888, the family arriving in December. He began life in Reading as a peddler of clothing, traveling all over Berks and Montgomery counties, and was thus engaged for twelve years. In 1901 he came to Sunbury and embarked in his present line of business, dealing in all kinds of junk. Mr. Miller has extended his business until it is now one of the largest of the kind in this part of Pennsylvania, twelve men being regularly employed. In 1907 he erected a three-story building, 32x80 feet, at the location above mentioned, the site of his place of business being a tract 150 by 200 feet in dimensions. Mr. Miller opened up a clothing and men's furnishings store at No. 347 Market street, Sunbury, in April, 1911. He has prospered by industry, excellent management and a spirit of enterprise which has well merited the reward it has won. He is a substantial and respected citizen and has the good will of all who know him.

Mr. Miller was naturalized March 21, 1895, before the late Judge James N. Ermentrout of Reading, is a Democrat in political opinion and quite active in the local councils of the party. Fraternally he belongs to the Owls, the F. O. E., Germania Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Conclave and the Encampment.

On Aug. 1, 1897, Mr. Miller married Rebecca Fink, daughter of Morris and Annie Fink, of Reading, formerly of Russia, and to them has been born a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Morris, Matthias, Nathan, Molly, Solomon, Abraham, and Sarah and Saul, twins.

PATRICK KEARNEY, one of the oldest residents of Shamokin, now living retired, has been a citizen of that place since 1850. He is a veteran of the Civil war.



Mr. Kearney was born March 15, 1828, in County Mayo, Ireland, son of Patrick and Bridget (Carey) Kearney, farming people of that county. The father lived and died there. His children were: Mathew, who died in Shamokin, Pa.; Mary, wife of John Devitt; Patrick; John, who died young, in Ireland; Catherine, wife of Patrick Carey; Bridget, who died young, in Ireland; and Belinda.

Patrick Kearney came to America when nineteen years old, landing at Boston May 2, 1847, and during his first fourteen months in this country remained in the State of Massachusetts. He then came to Pennsylvania, first locating at Scranton, where he lived for two years before settling in Shamokin, in June, 1850. For thirty-five years after coming to Shamokin Mr. Kearney was engaged at mining, for several years working in the Enterprise colliery, owned by the late Thomas Baumgardner, of Lancaster. He then engaged in business on his own account, as a bottler, and was also in the hotel business, continuing same until his retirement, in 1903. His home is at Webster and Pearl streets, Shamokin. Mr. Kearney has led an industrious and useful life, and is highly respected.

On Nov. 5, 1861, Mr. Kearney enlisted, at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company D, 52d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served three years in the Civil war, participating in twenty-two battles, among which were: Williamsburg, May 5, 1862; Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862; the Seven Days' Fight, including Mechanicsville (June 26), Savage Station (June 29), White Oak Swamp (June 30), and Malvern Hill (July 1). The command then went to Harrison Landing, July 2, remaining there until Aug. 16, then to Yorktown, where they remained until Dec. 29; and south to Morehead City, N. C., and to Hilton Head, S. C. On July 10, 1863, Mr. Kearney accompanied the command to Morris Island, under General Gilmore, taking part of the island, after which they were engaged in the capture of Fort Sumter, and on Sept. 7, 1863, failed in the attempt to take Forts Wagner and Gregg. They next went to Fort Johnson, July 3, 1864, at James Island, S. C., and Mr. Kearney was one of fifty-four men from his company who went out with a lieutenant one night on a hazardous undertaking, the danger of which may be judged from the fact that only seven returned alive. Leaving Morris Island Nov. 9, 1864, he went to Hilton Head, where he received his discharge Nov. 15, 1864. He had the unusual honor of having his discharge papers signed by Commanding Officer Gen. John George Foster. Mr. Kearney was promoted to corporal in August, 1862, after the Seven Days' Fight. He arrived at his home in Shamokin Nov. 19, 1864, with an honorable record, and without having suffered injury in his long term of service.

On Dec. 14, 1848, Mr. Kearney was married to Miss Catharine McAndrew, daughter of William McAndrew. She passed away July 27, 1892, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery. Ten children were born to this union: Mary, who married James Laughlin and (second) Patrick Hennessey; Bridget, who is the wife of James Phelan; Cecelia, wife of Edward Earley; Catharine, at home; William A., of Shamokin; Annie, at home; Margaret, who died in infancy; Patrick, who married Alice B. Bittenbender, of Shamokin; Eleanora, wife of Dr. John Loftus, living in Denver, Colo.; and Agnes, wife of Henry J. Tanner, of Shamokin.

Mr. Kearney is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. He is a Catholic in religious faith, holding membership in St. Edward's Church.

EDWARD HARVEY FALCK, an enterprising young farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, occupies the farm there settled by his great-grandfather, Jacob Falck, in the early days.

The Falck family is a numerous one in eastern Pennsylvania, where the name is variously spelled, Folck, Folk and Falk being variations of the original form. For many years it has been especially well represented in Berks county, where the Federal Census Report for 1790 shows George Folk, Sr., and George Folk, Jr., another George Folk, Jacob, John, two other Johns, Johan William, Joseph, Sr., and Joseph, Jr., Peter and Philip Folk, a total of twelve heads of families there. The same authority records the names of Frederick Folk of Philadelphia; Daniel Folk of Chester county; Stephen Folk, of Cumberland county; and a George Folk of Weisenburg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, from which latter descends the Northumberland county branch of the family. This George Folk had (in 1790) five sons and four daughters, one of these sons being Jacob, who is said to have settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Falck was born April 14, 1782, in Lehigh county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1804, locating in what is now Upper Mahanoy (then Mahanoy) township, on the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Edward Harvey Falck. This tract of eighty acres was all woodland at that time, and Mr. Falck built a small log house about three rods north of the site of the present residence. That house served as a dwelling for about fifty years, and the original barn, which stood about two rods east of the present residence, served until 1828, in which year the present barn was built; some of the wood from the first structure was used in the construction of the new one. Jacob Falck died Dec. 25, 1856, and is buried at St. John's Church. On his tombstone the name is spelled "Folk," but his descendants chose to write the name differently, most of





them spelling it Falck; one grandson, Richard, writes it Falk. The maiden name of Jacob's wife was Raubenhold and she was from Snyder county. She is buried at the Himmel Church. Their children were: Solomon; Lydia, Mrs. Snyder; Sallie, Mrs. Abraham Fegley; and John, who died young.

Solomon Falck, son of Jacob, was born in 1808 in Upper Mahanoy township, where his grandson Edward H. Falck now lives, and owned that farm, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He built the present dwelling there, now occupied by his grandson and family. An active and enterprising citizen, he served many years as supervisor of his township and was also a member of the school board. He was prominent in the Reformed congregation of St. John's Church, being one of its working members, served in various official capacities, and as a member of the building committee did his share when the present church edifice was erected, in 1853. His family also worshipped with that congregation. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1887. On March 25, 1828, Mr. Falck married Salome Geist, daughter of Andrew Geist, and they were the parents of eighteen children, viz.: Daniel, born in 1830 (now living in California); Andraes, October, 1831; Carolina, 1833; Edward, 1834; Mary, 1835; Sarah Ann, 1838; Salome, 1839; Johannes, 1841; Molly, 1842; Solomon, 1843; Amanda, 1848; Jesse, 1850; Jacob, 1851; Richard, 1855; and Harriet and three others who died young. Of this family,

Richard Folk (as he spells the name), born at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, Jan. 8, 1855, obtained his education in the public schools of the township and when twenty years old commenced to learn cigarmaking, which trade he followed for thirteen years, in Philadelphia and in Snyder county, Pa. He resides in Upper Mahanoy township at present. He married and has two children, Lloyd and John.

John Falck, son of Solomon, was born Sept. 25, 1841, on the homestead farm in Upper Mahanoy township, and obtained his education in the local subscription schools, the only educational institutions of the day in that section. He was reared to farm work from boyhood, and for many years was engaged hauling lime during the winters. In 1866 he began farming on his own account, on the old homestead, of which he retained the ownership until 1907, on Thanksgiving Day of which year he moved to his present home, on the road between Rebuck and Leck Kill. He is now living retired, having been in poor health since May, 1903. Mr. Falck has always led an industrious life, tending exclusively to his own affairs and refusing offers of public preferment, although he was active in church work. He and his family worship at St. John's Church, where he held office as deacon and elder for twenty years in succession. In 1867 he married

Lovina Schreffler, daughter of John and Salome (Rebuck) Schreffler, and they have had a large family, viz.: Cora married William Derrick, of Shamokin; Oscar is a resident of Shamokin; William S. is mentioned below; Ella is deceased; Jane married Frank Engel, of Sunbury, this county; Emma is deceased; one son died in infancy; Edward Harvey is mentioned below; Addie is the wife of John Reitz; Flora is deceased; Sallie married Francis Oxenreider.

William S. Falck was born on the homestead June 27, 1874, and was reared there, meantime receiving his early education in the public schools of the district. Later he attended the academy at Berrysburg. In 1901 he began farming for himself, in that year purchasing his present farm, a tract of fifty acres in Upper Mahanoy township, on the road between Rebuck and Leck Kill. He has lived there since 1898. In the early days it was a Rhone homestead, later owned by Jacob Kauffman, from whom John Falck purchased it; William S. Falck acquired it from his father. He has made various improvements on the property since it came into his ownership, and he is one of the substantial and reliable agriculturists of his locality. He has served his township six years in the capacity of assessor. On Sept. 16, 1898, he married Katie Schoffstall, daughter of David and Hannah (Snyder) Schoffstall, and they have had six children: Charles H., Gladys E., Florence E., John D., Harry D. and Hannah L. Mr. Falck and his family worship at St. John's Church, of which he is a Reformed member, and Mrs. Falck a Lutheran member. He served four years as deacon. In politics Mr. Falck is a Democrat.

Edward Harvey Falck was born March 12, 1880, on the farm in Upper Mahanoy township which he now owns and cultivates. He was educated in the public schools of his district and was brought up a farmer, working for his father until he attained his majority. In the spring of 1908 he began farming on the old Falck homestead, which he purchased that year from his father, the property being a valuable and fertile tract of eighty acres. He is an energetic and progressive man, and has done excellent work on this land, which shows the good care it receives.

On Jan. 20, 1906, Mr. Falck married Agnes Brown, daughter of Adam and Sarah (Brown) Brown, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have one son, Harvey Lester. Mr. and Mrs. Falck are Reformed members of St. John's Church, which he is at present serving as deacon.

JOSEPH LAMBRIGHT, a farmer of Rockefeller township who has made his home there since shortly after his arrival in this country from Germany, is a self-made man who has won prosperity and standing by his own industry, and his honorable position in the community shows how well his





fellow residents there think he deserves his reward. He was born July 5, 1865, in Wurtemberg, Germany, of which kingdom his parents, Wendling and Elizabeth (Gans) Lambright, were also natives. They were farming people, and lived and died in Wurtemberg. Of their ten children, six still survive: John is living on the old homestead in Germany; Josephine, Mary and Caroline are married and living in Germany; we have no record of Carl.

Joseph Lambright grew to manhood in his native land. At the age of seventeen he came to America, landing at New York City on August 24, 1882, and thence proceeding to Philadelphia, where he remained two days. He was next at Lock Haven, Pa., for two weeks, thence going to Renovo, Pa., where he found work in the car shops and continued for two years. He has since lived in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. He entered the employ of John Wirt, a farmer, with whom he remained for fifteen years, ten years before his marriage and five years afterward, his three sons having been born on the Wirt farm. In 1899 he purchased his present place of seventy acres in Rockefeller township, where he follows general farming. Mr. Lambright commenced life in this country with no capital but his honesty and industry, but he has done well, his energy and good management having brought him prosperity and the respect of all who know him. He is at present serving his second term as school director of his township, and has been a valued member of the Reformed congregation at Zion's Union Church, Augustaville, having served many years as a member of the church council. His family are also members of that church. In politics Mr. Lambright is a Republican.

On Dec. 25, 1893, Mr. Lambright married Harriet Raker, daughter of George and Eliza (Yordy) Raker, and to them have been born four children, three sons and one daughter: Ralph, who died when two years old; two sons that died in infancy; and Mary E.

THE RAKER FAMILY, of which Mrs. Lambright is a member, formerly lived in Montgomery county, Pa., and was for some time located at the "Block House" in the Wyoming Valley. After the danger of Indian attacks had passed three brothers, Jacob, George and Dr. John Raker, settled in Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Raker, born May 1, 1788, died in Rockefeller township Aug. 19, 1851. He married Mrs. Mary (Krissinger) Long, who hailed from Berks county, and was the widow of Daniel Long's father. She was born Aug. 13, 1782, and died Feb. 15, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Raker had the following children: Jacob, who died suddenly; Solomon; George J., who lived and died near Seven Points, in Rockefeller township; Lovina, Mrs. Dan-

iel Malick; Mrs. Henry Keiser; and Mrs. John Hoover.

Solomon Raker, son of Jacob, died Feb. 6, 1897, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, ten days. His first wife, Elizabeth (Dornsife), died Nov. 28, 1878, aged fifty-six years, six months, twenty-one days, and he subsequently married the widow of Paul Hollenbach. Six children were born of the first marriage: Elias (1843-1864), who died at Hampton (Va.) hospital from wounds received in battle while serving in the Civil war; John; Martin (1852-1907), who married Louisa Conrad (1852-1902); Susan, Mrs. Jesiah Dunkelberger; Mary, Mrs. Emanuel Conrad; and Harriet, who died unmarried. One daughter, Gertrude, was born to the second union.

George Raker, the second of the three brothers mentioned, had children as follows: Jonathan, who lived and died at Sunbury; George; Samuel; Daniel; Peter; Catharine, Mrs. William Yordy; and Sarah, who never married.

George Raker, son of George, was born Nov. 16, 1831, and died May 18, 1894, aged sixty-two years, six months, two days. He married Eliza Yordy, who was born July 5, 1830, daughter of Joel and Rebecca (Hummel) Yordy, and though past eighty is well preserved, mentally and physically. She is living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lambright. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Raker; Isaac, who died in his eighth year; Lafayette, who died in his fourth year, these sons passing away within a week; Harriet, Mrs. Joseph Lambright; and Wilson, who married Mary Jane Reitz, and died Oct. 8, 1900, aged thirty-two years, six months, four days.

Dr. John Raker, brother of Jacob and George, was born Nov. 6, 1805, and died April 12, 1875. A large monument marks his resting-place at Zion's Church, Augustaville. His wife Sarah, daughter of William Bartholomew, was born March 12, 1812, and died Oct. 14, 1885. She, too, is buried at the Augustaville Church. They resided at Augustaville, in Rockefeller township, and he had a large practice, having a high reputation as a competent and skillful "old school" practitioner. Their children were: Dr. William, who died in August, 1910, at Uniontown, Pa.; Kate, wife of Azariah Kreeger; Dr. Henry Morris, who died June 19, 1908, aged sixty-eight years, one month, twenty-four days; and Lizzie, who died unmarried in 1909.

JAMES H. SMITH, foreman in the blacksmith shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, and the oldest employee of that company in point of service at Milton, Pa., was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, Sept. 28, 1848, son of James R. Smith.

James Smith, his grandfather, was a native of Northampton county, Pa., where he followed farming near Bangor, and where he died. He married



Margaret Smith, who also died in Northampton county. They had four children, namely: Mary, who died unmarried; Isabella, who married Samuel Horn; Elizabeth, who married John Pysher; and James R.

James R. Smith, son of James and father of James H., was born in Northampton county, and in his young manhood learned the blacksmith's trade. After his marriage he came to Northumberland county, and settling in Turbut township, there followed farming for several years. He then located in Milton and here resumed work at his trade, continuing at it during the remainder of his active days. He died at Milton and is buried in the Upper Cemetery. He married Margaret Young, who was born in Northampton county, and died in Milton. They became the parents of the following children: Ellen E., who married Samuel Long, and has three children, Frank M. (of Milton, and a Past Master of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.), Laura S. and Charles; James H.; Mary E., unmarried; Clara A., who married Frank Hinshelwood, and lives at Seattle, Wash.; Josephine, who married Frank Bond, of Philadelphia; and Luther C., of Selinsgrove, who has a son Frank.

James H. Smith attended the public schools of Turbut township and at Milton, and in his sixteenth year began to learn the trade of blacksmith at the car shops. This was in 1863, and in 1878 he became foreman of that department, a position he has held ever since. It is given to but few men to work for their entire active life for one company, and this speaks in highest terms of both employer and employee. Mr. Smith, it goes without saying, is a skilled workman, faithful in the performance of his work, and loyal to his company.

Mr. Smith is a prominent Mason. He was master of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., in 1877; is past high priest of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., Watson town; member of Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., Sunbury; Adoniram Council, No. 26, Williamsport; and Williamsport Consistory, 32d degree. In 1879 he became treasurer of the Blue Lodge, and that office he has filled without intermission to the present time. On the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election the Lodge presented him with a beautiful gold Masonic ring.

In other ways Mr. Smith has given testimony of his right to be termed a good citizen. He has been a most valuable member of the Board of Health, and has freely given of his time to the furthering of every movement tending toward the moral and material growth of his town. In his religious faith he is a Methodist, and for twenty-seven years served as treasurer of the Church, and for the long period of thirty-three years he has been secretary of the Sunday school. He never married.

JOHN A. CROSS, coal and ice dealer of Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been engaged in that business from early manhood and enjoys a prosperous trade, which he has built up by honorable dealing and satisfactory service. He was born in Sunbury April 7, 1874, and is a son of George W. Cross.

Mr. Cross's great-grandparents lived in the Mohawk Valley, near Troy, N. Y., and died when comparatively young, leaving three children: Dennis, a farmer, who settled in Bradford county, Pa., and there married a Miss Webster (he is buried near his old homestead); Hannah E., Mrs. Connors, who lived in northern New York; and Augustus.

Augustus Cross, grandfather of John A. Cross, was born in 1811 near Troy, N. Y., and was a small boy when his parents died. About 1840 he moved from New York State to Pennsylvania, making the journey with teams, and settled in Bradford county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1882. He was a farmer, owning a small farm, where he spent all his later years, previous to which he had also followed shoemaking and stone masonry. He held local office, and was a useful citizen. Mr. Cross married Margaret Teller Whitlock, who was born in 1819, and died in 1890, and they are buried in Canton township, Bradford county. They had ten children, as follows: Hannah E., Catharine M., Margaret J., Thomas D., William D., George W., Perkins A., Mary R., Phoebe A. and Imogene. Mrs. Margaret Teller (Whitlock) Cross was one of the descendants of Anneke Jans, heirs to the famous estate including the Trinity Church property, in New York City, which has so long been a matter of dispute.

George W. Cross, son of Augustus, was born Sept. 3, 1847, in Canton township, Bradford Co., Pa., received his education in the public schools there, and worked on the farm until 1863. Then, though only sixteen years old, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, 30th Regiment, Pennsylvania Emergency Men, with which he served six weeks during the emergency. He was at Carlisle the night the Confederates burned the barracks. Returning home to the farm, he remained there until February, 1864, when he enlisted in Company B, 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving as a private in that command under Grant and Gregg, from the battle of the Wilderness to Appomattox. He received his second honorable discharge Aug. 20, 1865. Mr. Cross went back to the farm, and worked at agricultural pursuits and in the lumber woods until May 1, 1871, when he came to Sunbury and at once entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as brakeman. The following year he became a fireman, and in 1879 was made engineer, serving as such until incapacitated by blindness, brought on by nervous dyspepsia, in 1906. Mr.





Cross was a faithful and efficient employee throughout his active years and is still retained on the payroll of the company. He is a well known resident of Sunbury, particularly in fraternal circles, being a member of the I. O. O. F., which he joined when twenty-two years old; a Mason, having joined Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., at Blossburg, Tioga Co., Pa., in June, 1870; a member of Lodge No. 416, K. of P., of Sunbury, which he served as treasurer for a number of years, until his blindness prevented further service; a charter member of True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, of Sunbury, of which he was first treasurer, holding that office eight years; a member of Lieut. William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., and a member of the Veteran Railroad Association of the Eastern and Susquehanna Division. Politically he is a Republican.

On Sept. 3, 1870, Mr. Cross married Amelia A. Williams, daughter of John J. and Margaret (Harris) Williams, of Blossburg, Pa. Four children have been born to this union, namely: George M., of Westchester, Pa.; John A.; William, who died in infancy; and Harry P., who married Bertha Seaman, of Snyder county, Pa., and has one son, George Perkins. The family live in the home at Sunbury erected by Mr. Cross in 1884.

John A. Cross attended public school in Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1891. He and his brother George M. carried on the ice business in partnership until 1897, when John A. Cross purchased the brother's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. Meantime, in 1894, he had enlarged his experience in that line by working for a time for the old Knickerbocker Ice Company, in Philadelphia. Since 1895 he has had a retail coal business, and at present he keeps four teams busy, doing a prosperous business in both lines, and holding his trade by upright methods. He is well thought of in the community, and has served two terms in the borough council. Mr. Cross is a Republican in politics, and fraternally a member of several secret organizations.

On Oct. 26, 1908, Mr. Cross married Cora M. Mertz, of Northumberland borough, a daughter of Benjamin F. Mertz (who died in April, 1910) and a granddaughter of George Mertz, who was born in Berks county, coming to this county along with the Hummels and Hilbishes.

Peter Mertz, great-grandfather of Mrs. Cross, was a pioneer of Union county, Pa. He settled near Freeburg, and went to farming, his farm consisting of 112 acres. He is buried at Freeburg, Pa. He and his wife had children as follows: a Mrs. Straub; Catharine, who married (first) a Mr. Brown and (second) a Mr. Heimbach; Peggy, Mrs. Snell; Philip, who lived near Lewistown, Pa.; John, who lived at Freeburg; Peter, who lived at Freeburg; and George.

George Mertz was born in April, 1821, near Freeburg, Pa., and he died Sept. 17, 1887, aged sixty-six years. He is buried at Northumberland, Pa. He was a wheelwright, after his marriage going into the mercantile and hotel business at Freeburg. He then came to Northumberland, Pa., and lived in Point township, following farming there until three years before his death, when he retired to the borough. He had a farm of 110 acres, part of which is still in the family name. He was a Republican and was school director many years, being also auditor. A man of intelligence and integrity, he was influential in his community and took an important part in all local matters. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. He married Amelia, born in 1823, daughter of Benjamin Hummel (1788-1869) and his wife Catharine (Hilbush) (1795-1868). She died in 1880. The children of George Mertz were: Mary E., who married Hammond Rhodenbaugh; Catharine A., twin to Mary E., who married Cyrus Walter; Benjamin Franklin, father of Mrs. Cross; Emma J., who married George Long; William H.; George Albert and John Peter, the latter dying aged seven months; John Philip; A. Amelia, who married Peter Mertz, her cousin, both dying a few years after marriage; Sarah L., who is unmarried; Lillie V., who married Charles Biehl; Amos A. and Flora E., Mrs. Benner; and Adda C., who married Harry Jacoby.

William H. Mertz, born June 6, 1853, became a florist of note. He married Jan. 8, 1878, Emeline Moyer, daughter of George Moyer, and they had nine children: Adelia A., Mabel L., Mary E., George P., Ruth E., Blanche E., William H., Jr., Boyd F. and Harold R.

FRED F. KUMER, of Shamokin, has built up a fine business as a contractor in the line of cement and concrete work since he established himself in the borough in 1899. He is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born July 5, 1869, son of Joseph Kumer, who was superintendent of a cement plant in the Fatherland. Joseph Kumer came to America in 1888, settling in Philadelphia, where he remained until his death, in 1896. He married Maria Bauer, also of Germany, who died in Philadelphia in 1904. They had children as follows: Theresa, Mary, Franciscos, Anna, Fred F. and Louisa.

Fred F. Kumer received a good education in the schools of his native land and there also learned the making of cement and concrete. Coming to this country when little more than a boy, he landed at New York City in March, 1885, and for some time after his arrival followed his trade at Philadelphia, removing thence to Bloomsburg, Pa., where he did considerable work in that line. In 1899 he came to Shamokin, where he has since made his home. He has had a number of im-





portant contracts, and employs from ten to fifteen men, his work including the laying of cement curbing, coping, steps, cellar and stable floors, and improved artificial stone pavements. He built his own fine residence, at No. 913 West Arch street, in 1908, and there he also has his business headquarters. His high-grade work is bringing him a steady and lucrative patronage.

On Feb. 21, 1895, Mr. Kumer married Margarita Malfaeira, who is of French and Italian descent, and they have five children: Joseph John, Frank F., Mary Elizabeth, Christian William and Vincent Paul. Mr. Kumer is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

**ROBERT J. ROUSH**, of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged as an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, his run being on the Shamokin division. He is a native of Lower Augusta township, this county, born July 14, 1870, and comes of a family long settled in the State of Pennsylvania.

David Roush, great-grandfather of Robert J. Roush, lived and died at Freeburg, Snyder county. His children were Nathan and Isaac.

Nathan Roush, son of David, was a well known truck farmer in Juniata county, where he died. He and his wife had a family of eight children: Wilson was the father of Robert J. Roush; Elmer lives at Shamokin, Northumberland county; Daniel lives in Snyder county; Edward lives in Shamokin; Fred, of Sunbury, married Jane Downey and they have children, Frances, Harry, Clarence, Roy and Daniel; Caroline is deceased; Annie married John Walter; Agnes married James Reinert.

Wilson Roush was born in Snyder county, and now lives at Winfield, Union Co., Pa. He has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a period of twenty-two years. He married Malinda Seers, and they are the parents of four sons, namely: Robert J., Joseph, Boyd and Stillwell.

Robert J. Roush attended public school at Winfield and followed farm work during his early manhood, continuing thus until he was nineteen years old. At the age of twenty he came to Milton, and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, beginning as a repairman. Later he was on the gravel train, and then worked as brakeman for a time, becoming an engineer when only twenty-five years old. He has been on the Shamokin division throughout his service as engineer. Mr. Roush is a reliable and trustworthy man, a respected citizen of his home place, and well known among his fellow engineers. He holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., the F. O. E. and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and I. O. O. F. In religion he is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Roush's first wife, R. Minda (Leightner), of Snyder county, Pa., died in 1904. The two children born to this union died in infancy. On Sept. 19, 1906, Mr. Roush married (second) Christena J. Kern, of Erie, Pa., and they reside at No. 114 Mahoning street, in the borough of Milton.

**JOSHUA F. HILL**, of Montandon, until recently road foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now retired, was in the employ of that company over thirty years and was a trusted and reliable worker. Mr. Hill was born Oct. 13, 1844, at Montgomery Station, Lycoming Co., Pa., son of John Hill and grandson of John Hill.

The grandfather lived and died in Lycoming county, and is buried at the Baptist Church near Montgomery station. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling many years. To him and his wife were born the following children: George, John, Joseph, Daniel, Henry, Sarah and Hannah.

John Hill, father of Joshua F. Hill, was born in 1806 in Lycoming county, and did day's work among the farmers of his district, where he was much liked and respected, having many friends. He died in 1892 and is buried in the same churchyard where his father rests. His wife, Sarah (Farley), was a daughter of John Farley, and they had these children: Joshua F.; John; Franklin; James; Benjamin; Elizabeth, unmarried; Sarah, unmarried; Mary, deceased; and Harriet, deceased.

Joshua F. Hill attended public school in his home locality and in his young manhood worked among the farmers about Montgomery. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as section hand, and was engaged in that capacity for five years, at the end of which period he was made foreman, of the Northumberland division. He built six and a half miles of track, from Northumberland to Montandon, and had charge of the road at Montandon, 278 to 281 east, having ten men in his gang, until placed on the retired list, May 1, 1911. He is an able man, discharging his responsibilities with the utmost fidelity.

On July 3, 1870, Mr. Hill married Elvina Diehl, daughter of William and Hattie (Fry) Diehl. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Methodist Church at Montandon.

**JACOB F. BERLEW**, who conducts a thriving business at No. 850 Susquehanna avenue, in the Fifth ward of Sunbury, is a rising young merchant of that borough. He has had considerable experience in the line in which he is engaged, and has shown his ability to gain and hold trade by the most upright methods, being honest as well as enterprising. He was born in Sunbury Jan. 16, 1875, and is a member of the fourth generation



of the Berlew family in Northumberland county. We give a brief account of the earlier generations, as far as recorded.

Peter Berlew, great-grandfather of Jacob F. Berlew, was born in 1768 in New Jersey, and was one of the emigrants from that State who located in Lower Augusta township, this county, some time after the Revolutionary war. He owned a tract of land in that township on the north side of the Mahanoy mountains. He was a wood chopper and trapper, and so successful a hunter that he had a fence around his house made of the horns of deer he had killed. One day (about 1800) he shot eight deer in two hours on the spot where Trevorton is now located. He moved thither from Lower Augusta township when Indians were still roving over the region, and lived at Trevorton until his death in the winter of 1855, at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. He is buried at the Methodist Church in Irish valley. According to tradition his wife was a Shipman and also from New Jersey. She died long before her husband, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. They had a family of four children, namely: Ruth married Samuel Randall; Gilbert is mentioned below; David settled in Luzerne county, Pa., above Pittston; Polly married William Feaster, a brother of Phoebe Feaster, her brother Gilbert's wife.

Gilbert Berlew, son of Peter, was born Feb. 29, 1818, in Lower Augusta township, and was seven years old when taken into the family of Squire Weiser, with whom he lived in Sunbury until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He had learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed at Trevorton, Shamokin and Ashland after he attained his majority until 1864, when he settled at Sunbury. He continued to live there until his death, in February, 1883, and is buried in the old cemetery on South Fourth street, Sunbury. He was quite a prosperous plastering contractor, employing as many as ten men and doing a large business for that day. His wife, Phoebe (Feaster), was a daughter of Samuel Feaster, of Lower Augusta township, and they were the parents of children, namely: Addison, Mary J., John, Angeline, Thomas, Norton, Elizabeth, Emanuel and Maria. Mr. Berlew and his family were Baptists.

Thomas Berlew, son of Gilbert, was born Feb. 16, 1848, at Boyles Run, Northumberland county, and received a public school education at Trevorton, to which place his parents had removed when he was three years old. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn plastering from his father, and he has followed that trade all his life, being now the leading contractor in that line in Sunbury. He moved with his parents from Trevorton to Sunbury in 1864, and his work has been principally in and around the borough, though he has done considerable business in Shamokin. For

a number of years he has had the most important contracts in his home place, having plastered the jail, the courthouse, the leading hotels, all the churches but two, and many other buildings. At times he has had as many as twenty men in his employ, but for a few years past he has been relinquishing heavy responsibilities.

In 1869 Mr. Berlew married Catharine Felsing-er, daughter of Michael and Charlotte (Knobel) Felsing-er, of Sunbury, who came from Wurms, Germany, in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Berlew have had four children: Lottie, now the wife of Charles Felton, of Sunbury; Jacob F.; John, of Philadelphia; and William, a merchant of Sunbury. Mr. Berlew and his family are members of the Baptist Church, in the work of which he has long been prominent, having served as trustee and librarian and, for thirty-five years, as member of the choir, having an excellent bass voice. Politically he is a Republican.

Jacob F. Berlew received his education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1895. At an early age he began clerking for his father, and in 1892 became interested in the mercantile business on Market street, where he was engaged for nine years. In 1903 he took a responsible position at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., with the large mercantile house of A. E. Troutman & Co., having charge of the dress goods and silks, and he remained with that concern until he entered the business on his own account in 1906, establishing himself at his present location in Sunbury. His store on Susquehanna avenue has a frontage of 40 feet, and is 90 feet long. His stock is large and well assorted, and he gives employment to five clerks. Mr. Berlew's enterprise and obliging traits have brought him an extensive custom, which he is striving to increase by the most commendable methods, and he has every prospect of a prosperous future. In addition to his mercantile business, he has the district agency for the Pullman motor car, 1911 models. He is a member of the Order of Moose, at Sunbury, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

On Nov. 25, 1903, Mr. Berlew married Nellie Fox, daughter of Jacob Fox, of Greensburg, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Catharine.

LEVI B. BATDORF, who for the last twenty years has been engaged in the grocery business at Shamokin, Pa., is a native of Northumberland county, born in Jackson township Sept. 12, 1843, son of Joseph Batdorf and grandson of John Batdorf.

John Batdorf came to Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where his home had been near the Lebanon county line. He made the journey by wagon, and located in Jackson township, where he was among the very early settlers.





The Batdorfs had been located in Berks county for many years, in the tax list of 1759 there appearing the name of Christian Battorf (name is variously spelled by different members of the family), who paid two pounds tax, showing him to be a man of some property in Bethel township. John Batdorf owned a small farm, and devoted himself to farm work. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church at Mahanoy, where he is buried. He married Mary Grow, who died aged ninety years. They became the parents of two sons and eight daughters, namely: Joseph, John, Polly, Catharine, Sarah, Rebecca, Eliza, Harriet, Tillie and Lucy Ann, the last named, who is still living (1911), marrying Peter Kniss and having children, Rebecca Jane, Franklin, Hattie, Samuel and William.

Joseph Batdorf, son of John, was born in Reading, Pa., and accompanied his father to Northumberland county. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it for some time, but later engaged in farming in Lower Mahanoy township, and died at Hickory Corners. He married Sarah Bahner, and their children were: Isaac, of Lower Mahanoy township; Jeremiah and William, deceased; Levi B.; Lovina, who married Elias Zartman; Hannah, who married Isaac Clemens; and Henrietta, who married John A. Long.

Levi B. Batdorf attended the schools of Jackson township, and at the age of seventeen began to learn the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for several years. For sixteen years he was engaged in farming in Little Mahanoy township, and in 1886 came to Shamokin. In 1890 he opened his present grocery store, in the operation of which he has met with deserved success. He carries a full line of groceries which he markets at reasonable prices, giving his customers the benefit of the best goods at the lowest possible cost.

In 1864 Mr. Batdorf married Harriett Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, and they have two children: Irvin J., who is engaged in the insurance business at Harrisburg, married Ellen Enterline, and has two children, Claude W. and Ethel M.; Emma P. married N. I. Raker, of Shamokin. Mr. Batdorf is a member of the United Evangelical Church, which he has served as class leader, steward and trustee for some time, and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday school in Little Mahanoy township.

HARRY A. LEBO, of Sunbury, has followed the baker's trade there since he attained his majority, and he has been in business for himself since 1895. His place of business at No. 600 East Market street is equipped with the most modern appliances known to the trade, and he employs four bakers, keeping two teams constantly busy supplying his trade. He sells more bread than any other

baker in the city. Mr. Lebo was born Jan. 4, 1869, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., where the family has long been located, his father and grandfather having been also natives of the same township.

Henry Lebo, the grandfather, was a shoemaker, following his trade in the days when shoes were made entirely by hand, and his services were in much demand in his locality. He died in middle life, of rheumatism, and is buried at St. David's Church, at Killinger, in Dauphin county. His wife, Annie (Billifelt), was from Berks county, Pa., and lived to be over seventy. Their children were: John died when a young man; Caroline married George Neagley and they lived at Millersburg; Nathaniel was the father of Harry A. Lebo; Mary M. married John Grove, of Harrisburg; Louisa married Jared Specht and both died at Millersburg; Rebecca, who is unmarried, lives at Millersburg; Henry lived in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county. Only two survive, Mrs. Grove and Miss Rebecca Lebo.

Nathaniel Lebo, son of Henry, was born in February, 1830, in Upper Paxton township, was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1885. He is buried at St. David's Church, Killinger, and was a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. Mr. Lebo married Mary S. James, daughter of Isaac and Agnes (Albright) James, who lived in Armstrong Valley, and she survived him many years, dying April 5, 1907, when sixty-seven years old. Nine children were born to them, namely: Oliver lives in Upper Paxton township; Agnes, widow of J. P. Harrison, resides at Sunbury; Harry A. is mentioned below; Ira A. died in childhood; J. Edward makes his home in Illinois; J. Wilson is a resident of Upper Paxton township; Anna Dora and Anna Cora, the former the wife of George Seitz, the latter the wife of William DeLancy, are twins; Charles N. is a resident of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

Harry A. Lebo received his education in the schools of the home locality, which he attended until thirteen years old. Subsequently he worked on the farm and learned coachsmithing, which he followed for a few years, but when twenty-one years old he came to Sunbury and commenced to learn the baker's trade, at which he has since been engaged. He was in the employ of others until 1895, when he started business on his own account, in a humble way, doing most of the work himself. Gradually he built up a thriving trade, which has grown to such proportions that he employs four bakers and runs two wagons, and he does the largest bread business in the city. Mr. Lebo is a general baker, turning out all the ordinary products of a bakery, and he also sells groceries and confectionery, in which line he has likewise established a good trade. He now owns all the ground from No. 600 Market street back to Wood-





lawn avenue, along Sixth street, and has gained this valuable holding by thrifty management and application to his business.

On July 3, 1893, Mr. Lebo married Katie M. Miller, daughter of Charles S. Miller, a prominent citizen of Sunbury, and six children have been born to this union: Myrtle S., Donald E., Russell A., Harry A., Cora C. and Helen A. The family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lebo is a Democrat in political opinion, and socially he belongs to the Modern Woodmen, being a charter member of his lodge; he is a member of the American Sick and Accident Company.

**DARLINGTON R. KULP**, late of Shamokin, was for a quarter of a century one of the foremost business men of Northumberland county, where his extensive and varied interests made him an important figure in its industrial life from the time of his settlement in that borough until his death. His activities were not, however, confined to this region, his lumber business extending over a wide territory.

Mr. Kulp came of a family of Holland Dutch origin whose first members in America were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. Matteas or Mattheis Kolb (as the name was originally spelled) came to America, arriving in the ship "Phoenix" Oct. 20, 1744, and lived in Pottstown and Goshenhoppen, Pa. He had one son Peter, whose son Joseph Kolb was born about 1740 and married Ann Maria Stettler. Joseph Kolb was overseer of the poor in New Hanover March 25, 1770. He had nineteen children, the sixth of whom, Christian, was the father of Darlington R. Kulp.

Christian Kulp was born Aug. 6, 1800, in Montgomery county, this State, and died March 9, 1874. He and his wife Catherine (Renninger), a native of Berks county, both spent their lives in eastern Pennsylvania. She lived to the age of eighty-three, and they are buried at Niantic, a small town in Montgomery county, near Pottstown. They had eleven children, as follows: Darlington R. is mentioned below; Sarah married Jacob Hummelricht, and died in Chester county; Elizabeth married George W. Drumbheller, and died at Gilbertsville, Pa.; Henry is living in East Coventry township, Chester county; Catharine married Jesse Longabach, and died at Pottstown, Pa.; Mary married William Fink and is living at Pottstown; Jacob married Amelia Wagner and lives at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa.; Christian lives at the old homestead at Niantic, Montgomery county; Elmina married Jacob Endy and resides at Pottstown; Frederick R. died in Tamaqua, Pa.; Diana married William Gilbert and lives at Pottstown.

Darlington R. Kulp was born in Philadelphia Nov. 29, 1826, and was reared in Montgomery county, near Pottstown. He attended the district schools, but not regularly, his advantages for edu-

cation being very limited. But he was intelligent and enterprising, and this handicap did not seriously affect his success. He learned the carpenter's trade and early engaged in the lumber business, becoming one of the most successful lumber dealers of his day in Northumberland county, whither he removed in 1867. In October of that year he settled in Shamokin, where he entered into partnership, in the lumber business, with D. S. Shultz and William H. Bechtel, the name of the firm being Shultz, Bechtel & Co. In 1869-70 he was a member of the firm of Kulp, Bechtel & Co., who operated the Ben Franklin colliery. In July, 1871, he became associated with Matthias Emes, under the name of Kulp & Emes, which lasted about six years, when Mr. Emes was succeeded by Isaac F. Stetler. The latter's interest was purchased May 1, 1878, by C. Q. McWilliams, the new firm being known as Kulp & McWilliams, who in 1879 extended their interests, adding ice and brick to the original line. They continued to deal in all three commodities until Jan. 1, 1882, when W. C. McConnell joined the firm, which under the name of Kulp, McWilliams & Co. did business until Aug. 15, 1886. The partnership was then dissolved, Mr. Kulp taking the lumber interests, and he continued to follow that line the rest of his life. His work branched out far beyond the original lines, for he not only bought large tracts of land and cut the timber, but he carried the work further, converting the cleared land into productive farms; at the time of his death he owned ten farms in Northumberland and adjoining counties.

In company with his eldest son, Monroe H. Kulp, Mr. Kulp opened a store in Shamokin, which they conducted as D. R. Kulp & Son for three years. Mr. Kulp was also a director of the Roaring Creek Water Company and its first president, and he was a director of the Shamokin Water Company. Though not particularly active in public affairs he served in the borough council and as supervisor of the poor in Coal township. He was originally a Whig, later a Republican, in politics. During Lee's invasion he was one of the "emergency men" who answered the call to defend the State.

Mr. Kulp was a Mason, uniting with Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and with Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M. He was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church, but joined the Lutheran Church after locating in Shamokin.

On Oct. 5, 1851, Mr. Kulp married Elizabeth Gilbert, a native of New Hanover, Montgomery county, daughter of George and Sallie (Houck) Gilbert, of Montgomery county. She died Feb. 23, 1902, aged sixty-nine years, surviving Mr. Kulp, who passed away Dec. 29, 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years. They are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. To this union were born twelve children, eight of whom survive, namely: Zep-



orah E.; Joanna Catherine, widow of Edwin Shuman, residing in Shamokin (she has two children, Harry W. and Mary); Monroe H.; Clayton A., a resident of Shamokin, who married Alice Schlegel, and they have had three children, Darlington, Clarence and Monroe; Ella J.; Chester G., who married Elizabeth Dintinger, and they have had five children, Kathleen A., Darlington W., Elizabeth H., Chester G. and Elizabeth L. (the family live at Shamokin); Howard C., a member of the Kulp Planing Mill Company, manufacturers of lumber and mill work, at Lewistown, Pa., who married Clara Eisenhuth, and their children are Eleanora E., Darlington R., Leon E., Sarah, Marguerite and Florence G.; and George Gilbert.

**HON. MONROE H. KULP** was one of the most widely known citizens of Shamokin, and there was probably no one resident of the place more thoroughly identified with the local welfare. As representative of his district in Congress for two terms, and as a man of extensive business interests, in the development of which he showed himself to be possessed of the ability which, years ago, in his father's career, made the name of Kulp famous in lumber circles, he had a reputation which extended far beyond the limits of his home city. He encouraged and started projects for the opening up of this section, and showed his faith in its future by investing in new public utilities and in localities affected by them. His high personal qualities made him a popular figure for many years, and few men have retained so prominent a position in any community for so long a period.

Mr. Kulp lived in Shamokin from the age of seven years. He was born in Barto, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1858, son of Darlington R. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Kulp. Attending the public schools of Shamokin during the winter months in his early boyhood, between times he did such work at the collieries as those of his age were employed at, and by the time he was seventeen he had worked at nearly every branch of the coal industry. Then he entered the store of his father, continuing with him after the formation, in 1878, of the firm of Kulp & McWilliams, in whose employ he gained his early knowledge of the business in which he was so successful. However, he began to feel the need of more schooling, and in 1879 he entered the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, where for two years he studied the branches he thought would be most helpful to him; he then went to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1881 with so creditable a record that his work was highly complimented by the faculty.

After this period of study Mr. Kulp returned to Shamokin and took charge of the books of Kulp, McWilliams & Co., of which firm his father was

senior member, acting as bookkeeper and cashier until the dissolution of the company, in 1886, when Darlington R. Kulp took all the lumber interests of the firm. Monroe H. Kulp was made general manager and acted as such until the spring of 1892. Meantime he had been junior member of the firm of D. R. Kulp & Son, who had a mercantile business for three years from the spring of 1886.

In 1892, when Darlington R. Kulp was stricken with the illness which caused his death the following year, the entire management of the extensive interests fell upon Monroe H. Kulp. It was no small responsibility, for the Kulp family were operating in nine counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, having twenty thousand acres in timber tracts and employing three hundred men. After his father's death, in 1893, having been appointed an executor of the will, he took entire charge of the estate. Upon the settlement of the estate the Monroe H. Kulp & Co. firm was organized, and this concern purchased the landed interests which they afterward continued to conduct. Mr. Kulp was president of the Kulp Lumber Company of Pennsylvania, of the Kulp Lumber Company of Allegany county, Md., and of the Kulp Planing Mill Company, Incorporated, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kulp's real estate holdings and investments in Shamokin enterprises were very considerable. Edgewood, Fairview and Kulpmont, three delightful suburbs of Shamokin, owe their development to his activity, and his own home at Edgewood is one of the handsomest residences in or around Shamokin. Edgewood Park, the finest pleasure resort in the coal regions, is another of his projects brought to ideal completion. The excellent trolley service which Shamokin and the immediate vicinity enjoy is due to his efforts in the improvement of local transportation. He was a director of the Shamokin Street Railway Co. and at the time of his death president of the Shamokin & Edgewood Electric Railway Co. He was president of the Mount Equity Coal Co., and of the Leader Publishing Co. of Shamokin; a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin; and of the Pennsylvania Lighting Company. He was a prominent member of the Board of Trade, and was serving as chairman of the executive committee of that organization. Hardly a single project of importance in recent years has been promoted without his aid and influence, and no one citizen labored more disinterestedly for the common good. He died Oct. 19, 1911.

Mr. Kulp represented his district, the Seventeenth, in Congress for two terms. In 1894 he was nominated without the least solicitation, and his popularity, to say nothing of the confidence he inspired, may be judged from the fact that although a Republican he was successful at the election, being the first member of his party so





honored in the district. He was nominated and elected for a second term, but refused the nomination for a third, his business interests demanding his undivided attention. He went into Congress for the second term by an increased majority, and his services throughout his membership in that body were eminently satisfactory. His knowledge of land conditions was recognized in his appointment to the committee on Public Lands, of which he was sub-chairman, and he was also a member of the Manufacturers committee.

Mr. Kulp had many fraternal and social connections, uniting with the Elks, the Eagles, the Red Men and the Masons, in the latter associating with Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was one of the organizers of the Cresco Club of Shamokin, was a member of the Ross Club of Williamsport, of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, and Union League of Philadelphia.

On June 7, 1897, Mr. Kulp was united in marriage with Sarah Detweiler.

GEORGE GILBERT KULP, of Shamokin, is undoubtedly one of the most progressive residents of that city, well known not only in Northumberland county but also in other sections of Pennsylvania and even outside of the State. His business interests are numerous and varied, and he has handled them with such judgment and care as to make the most of all their possibilities. He has been a member of the important lumber firm of Monroe H. Kulp & Co. from early manhood, and is connected with many other enterprising concerns, in the management of which his ability has been counted an appreciable factor, for he is a worthy member of the well known family whose name he bears.

Mr. Kulp was born in Shamokin June 15, 1873, son of Darlington R. Kulp and grandson of Christian Kulp.

George Gilbert Kulp received an excellent education, attending the public schools of his native borough, Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and the Eastman National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which latter institution he was graduated with honors. In October, 1895, upon the organization of the firm of Monroe H. Kulp & Co., he became a member, and the lumber business has always been his principal interest. He is one of the best known men in that line in his section of Pennsylvania, his connections therein, besides the one just mentioned, being with the Kulp Lumber Company of Maryland and the Kulp Planing Mill Company, of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa.; he being vice-president of both these concerns. The plant of the latter firm, for the manufacture of lumber and mill work, is one of the

largest and most complete along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. He is also a director of the Columbia Co., manufacturers of cane seats, with headquarters at Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Kulp's progressive instincts, however, have led him to aid with his capital and influence other undertakings which not only promised profit but benefit to the community, and thus he was one of the organizers of the Shamokin & Edgewood Electric Railway Company, and Edgewood Park, of which he is vice-president; he is vice-president, treasurer and executive manager of the Leader Publishing Company; a director of the Mount Equity Coal and Coke Company, of Riddlesburg, Bedford Co., Pa., and a member of the firm of Kulp & Savidge, which developed the suburbs of Edgewood and Fairview. His interest in local institutions has aided them materially, his ideas being thoroughly up-to-date and for the good of the people generally. He has a genial, unselfish nature, which has made him many friends, and he has a personal reputation above reproach.

Mr. Kulp is a member of the Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler, and of the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection having been one of the organizers and belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 355, F. & A. M., Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. In 1905 he represented the Shrine at the imperial council held at Niagara Falls and in 1906 he represented it at Los Angeles. He is a prominent member of the Larry's Creek Fish and Game Club, of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Cresco Club.

On Oct. 26, 1899, Mr. Kulp married Florence Billmeyer, daughter of ex-Congressman Billmeyer, of Washingtonville, Montour county, and they have had two sons, both of whom died in infancy.

THOMPSON BOWER, late of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, was a resident of that borough for a quarter of a century before his death, and for twenty years was the efficient president of the Watsonstown National Bank, which was the first bank in the borough and for several years the only financial institution there. He was a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born in Washington township March 9, 1826, son of John Bower and grandson of George Bower.

George Bower, the grandfather, served seven years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Thompson, are buried at the Stone Church in Brady township, Lycoming county. They were the parents of the following children: George, who married; Martha, Mrs. Smith, who moved to New York; Elizabeth, Mrs. Farley; Eve, Mrs. Henting; Mrs. Syph-





er, who died May 10, 1883; Ellen, Mrs. William Autis, who died May 11, 1883; and John.

John Bower, son of George, was born in 1799 in New Jersey, and died in 1872. He married Sarah Quinn, who was born in Ireland in 1793, and they spent the greater part of their lives in Lycoming county, Pa. Their children were as follows: (1) James Q. married Elizabeth Sedan and moved to Illinois, where she died and he remarried; there were six children by the first union, Robert, William, Ann E., Jennie, Ella and James, and five by the second; James Q. Bower died April 27, 1900. (2) Thompson, twin of James Q., is mentioned below. (3) Lewis married Tisha Lemon and died Oct. 6, 1907. (4) Mary Ellen married Daniel Foresman and has daughters Sallie (wife of James Piatt and mother of two children) and Maggie (a trained nurse).

Thompson Bower was reared on a farm and continued to follow agricultural pursuits for a number of years after beginning life on his own account, living in Lycoming county and later in Union county prior to his removal to Watsonstown, in 1884. In 1883 he had purchased the large brick house which he and his family occupied from the time of their settlement at that place, and which is the oldest house in the borough. He retained valuable interests in Union county, owning several large and fertile farms there. After taking up his residence in Watsonstown he was prominently connected with its most important business interests, and for twenty years was the executive head of the Watsonstown National Bank, which owes much of its high standing to his wise policy and shrewd direction of affairs. While living in the country Mr. Bower served his community as member of the school board, but he took no part in public life during his residence in Watsonstown. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in the First Lutheran Church in Watsonstown, which he served as elder for many years.

On Nov. 15, 1848, Mr. Bower married Catharine A. Gosh, who was born in Black Hole Valley, in Lycoming county, Pa., daughter of Christian and Margaret (Dietrich) Gosh, later of Northumberland county. Her grandparents, Christian and Catharine (Wiest) Gosh, were natives of Holland, and coming to America settled in Lycoming county. Their children were Christian, Daniel and John (who married a Miss Coats, of Philadelphia). Christian Gosh, father of Mrs. Bower, was born in 1807, and died in 1871. He married Margaret Dietrich, who was born in 1809, daughter of Frederick Dietrich and his wife (whose maiden name was Knauer), natives of Columbia county, Pa., and among the early settlers in Black Hole Valley. Mrs. Margaret (Dietrich) Gosh was the mother of five children: Levi, who died in 1854; Dr. John, who married a Hancock, and

died July 27, 1877; Frederick, who married a Miss Armstrong; Ellen M., who married Dr. J. P. Harley and had children, Margaret, Bertha, Lulu, and Dr. John (of Williamsport, Pa.); and Catharine A., Mrs. Thompson Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower reared three children: Laure E. married R. M. Griffie and had a daughter Catharine; John G., now a resident of Hagerstown, Md., married Ada Follmer and has children John and Rolland (John G. Bower went to Europe in 1907 and spent some time in travel); Maggie G. married George W. Crane, who died Feb. 3, 1900, and she and her children, Thompson B., Margarette B. and Catharine B., went to reside with her parents. They have an ideal household. Though long past man's allotted span at the time of his death, Mr. Bower continued hale and energetic to the end, pursuing life's work with unabated interest, and he enjoyed a most honorable position in the community, commanding the esteem of all who knew him.

FERDINAND KERLIN HILL was born at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1850. In 1858 he, with his father, George Hill, who was a practicing lawyer, moved to Sunbury, Pa., where he has since resided with the exception of several years which he spent in Illinois. He was educated in the public schools of his home town, studying also for some time at the Wiley Academy in Milton, Pa., and at the Kremer Academy in Sunbury. He studied law with his father and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1871. In January, 1872, he went West and settled at Freeport, Ill. He was admitted by the Illinois Supreme court to practice law anywhere in the State. While in Freeport he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and after serving a year and a half resigned his commission and returned to Sunbury, Pa., where he entered into partnership with his father in the practice of law. After being ten years in the law business he retired to engage in other pursuits. On April 1, 1892, he assumed the management of the *Sunbury American*, one of the pioneer Republican newspapers of the State, founded by the late Henry B. Masser, in 1840. On Dec. 16, 1893, Mr. Hill established the daily *Evening Item*, and made it a successful and important publication. In July, 1904, he retired from the newspaper business to give his whole time to the business of the post office, as postmaster, which office he held from April 27, 1901, to March 31, 1911.

On Dec. 6, 1877, Mr. Hill was married to Rachel Jane Packer, eldest daughter of the late Hon. John B. Packer, of Sunbury, Pa. Three children were born to them: William Cameron, Mary Martha, and Nelle Packer, wife of Mr. Frank L. Rabe, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hill has always taken a deep interest in



the affairs of his town. He was appointed as a member of the first board of health established in the place, and served three years. He also served a term as school director, and largely through his exertions the cause of modern school buildings was brought to the attention of his fellow members of the board and the people of the town. The result was the large and handsome high school building, the pride of the town, which stands on Fifth street, which was planned and built during his term and was the forerunner of several other fine buildings, erected since.

Mr. Hill has always devoted a great portion of his time to the science and study of music, and has for many years been closely identified with the musical development of his town. He has always advised and encouraged the cultivation of the higher order of music, especially the classics of the old masters. He served over thirty-five years as organist of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, and has written considerable music, principally for church service. Among his compositions is the music of the comic opera "Rhoda," the libretto of which was written by the late Gilbert T. Israel. The opera has never been given on the professional stage, but has had many renditions, at different times, by amateur companies for charitable benefits, and never failed to receive enthusiastic applause by large audiences.

**J. SIMPSON KLINE**, attorney, of Sunbury, local counsel for the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railway Companies in Northumberland county, is a native of Upper Augusta township and a member of an old Pennsylvania family which long ago settled in this county. The family came from England to New Jersey, and thence to Pennsylvania.

Isaac Kline, his grandfather, was a native of Northumberland county, and followed farming near Sunbury, in the village of Kline's Grove. He married Elizabeth DeWitt, and reared a good-sized family.

Harmon G. Kline, son of Isaac, was born in Northumberland county in 1818, and became a lifelong farmer, as was his father before him. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was liberal with both his time and means in endeavoring to advance its interests. He married Mary Bassett, who was born in 1821, daughter of Luther Bassett, a native of New Jersey, who removed to Northumberland county, and followed farming there, living to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Kline enjoyed more than half a century of wedded happiness. Mr. Kline has been deceased several years. Mrs. Kline is living and in good health, in her ninety-first year. They were the parents of nine children, who all grew to maturity, the survivors being men and women of real value to their several

communities: (1) Dr. Luther B. was educated in the Sunbury public schools, and professionally in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Since his graduation he has been practicing at Catawissa, Columbia county. He was vice president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society in 1910-11. (2) Elisha B. graduated at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, read law with Hon. S. P. Wolverton, and was just ready for admission to the bar when he died. (3) Elizabeth Cecelia was also sent to Williamsport Seminary, and after finishing her course married H. C. Wallize. (4) George M. was educated at Williamsport, and is now a merchant in Union county, Pa. (5) Margaret Eleanor was educated at Dickinson Seminary, and is the widow of I. Lewis Bender. She resides with her son, Prof. Harold H. Bender, of Princeton University. (6) Dr. David C. attended Bloomsburg normal school, Dickinson Seminary, and Hahnemann Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1883. The same year he settled at Reading, Pa., where he has since been engaged in practice. He is ex-president of the Homeopathic State Medical Society of Pennsylvania. (7) I. Clinton was educated at Bloomsburg normal school, Union Seminary, Bucknell Academy, and Lafayette College, receiving the A. B. and A. M. degrees from the latter institution. He read law with Hon. John B. Packer and has practiced in Sunbury since 1894. (8) J. Simpson was the next in order of birth. (9) Rachel Estelle is the wife of Prof. William S. Hall, who is head of the Department of Mining Engineering of Lafayette College. He is author of several college text-books on mathematics.

J. Simpson Kline was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and during his boyhood worked on the farm and attended country school. He was also a student of Union Seminary, at New Berlin, and of Lafayette College, at Easton, and taught school for a time at Bloomsburg. There he read law with Charles G. Barkley, Esq., was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county in February, 1891, and has since been engaged in practice at Sunbury. At the close of that year he entered the office of James C. Packer, Esq., with whom he was associated professionally in the settlement of the Packer estate. He has attained prominence in his profession, served several years as borough solicitor for Sunbury and Northumberland, and is now local counsel for the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railway Companies. He is also attorney for the First National Bank of Sunbury, and a director of that bank.

Mr. Kline has been active in the Masonic fraternity, being past master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick, Pa.; past master of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, and secretary of the latter; past high priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.:





member of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 87, K. T., of Sunbury; and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

**BROSIOUS** or **BROSIOUS**, two of the commonest forms in which this name is found, is the patronymic of a family now numerously represented in Northumberland county, where several distinct branches reside. It is said that the family was settled in Lancaster county before coming to this region, and that Sebastian Brosius, from whom many of the name trace their line, came from that county. About 1780 he obtained from William Dunbar a tract of land in the lower end of this county upon which Dalmatia (Georgetown) is now located, and this land he left to his son John George Brosius, who opened a store and erected a mill. This mill as originally built by George Brosius was a log structure, situated on the Stone Valley creek at the lower end of Dalmatia, and is said to have been the first in the southern part of Northumberland county. It subsequently became known as the Witmer mill. Sebastian Brosius must have been in this section before the land transaction mentioned, as in 1775, when Mahanoy township was organized, he became its first constable. Unfortunately he left no will, and there seem to be no records to show definitely who his children were, but the following were undoubtedly his sons: Peter, Abraham, John (head of the Lower Mahanoy branch) and another son who founded the Jordan township branch.

Members of the family were also in Berks county, Pa. The last will and testament of one Nicholas Brosius, of the borough of Reading, on record in Will Book 3, page 134, at the Berks county courthouse, was proved June 28, 1790. He was married Feb. 12, 1789, and his wife Frances was appointed executrix. They had no children. His only brother, Henry Brosius, "shall have all my wearing apparel of every kind whatsoever, together with the sum of ten pounds in gold and silver money, all to be settled by my executors three months after my decease; rest shall belong to my beloved wife Frances, who shall be my sole heir and executor." This Nicholas Brosius died at Reading in June, 1790.

In 1806, when Mahanoy township, which originally embraced all that area now divided into Jackson, Washington, Upper Mahanoy, Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, was divided, one Nicholas Brosius was one of the supervisors of that section now called Upper Mahanoy, and Abraham Brosius was one of the two overseers of the poor of said township. In 1845 George Brosius was one of the organizers of the Georgetown Church, Lutheran and Reformed.

Among the records at the Himmel Church we find: Nicolaus Brosius, born Dec. 23, 1754, died

Dec. 13, 1833. But we also find that one Nicholas Brosius died Dec. 6, 1832, and his wife Anna or Ann died Oct. 30, 1836. Their sons were Nicholas, George, Peter (who lived in New York), Michael (?) and John, and there was evidently a daughter Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1780, who died March 29, 1821. Of these, George, born March 25, 1788, died Oct. 1, 1854; his wife, Eve Catharine, daughter of Michael and Rosana Schafer, born May 30, 1792, died April 11, 1868.

John Brosius, evidently son of Nicholas and Ann, was born July 2, 1790, and was a farmer by occupation. In his earlier years he lived near Hickory Corners, where Jacob Phillips now resides, later settling on the place now occupied by David H. Witmer, and there he died Sept. 30, 1861; he is buried at Georgetown. He married Catharine Spotts, who was born Jan. 15, 1795, daughter of John Spotts, and died Dec. 27, 1878, when nearly eighty-four years old. They had the following children: Charles; Sarah, who never married; Mary Ann, born in 1819, who died in 1875; and Napoleon, who lived near Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Charles Brosius, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and lived on the Brosius homestead, the farm now occupied by David H. Witmer. He followed farming throughout his active years, retiring some years before his death, which occurred Feb. 4, 1889, at the age of seventy-four years, four months, twenty-nine days. He is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, all his family also belonging there. He was active in the life of his congregation, holding several church offices. His wife was Rebecca Emerick, daughter of Michael Emerick, and their children were the following: George; Henry; Isaac E.; Charles, born in 1862, who died in 1865; Catharine, who never married; Sarah, married to William Scheib (they live near Gratz, Pa.); Susanna, wife of Henry Fetterolf; Elizabeth, who married Foster Spotts, of Valley View, Pa.; and Louisa, who married Alexander Deppen.

George Brosius, son of Charles, was born at Dalmatia, and like his immediate ancestors became a farmer, living in the Mahantango Valley, where he owned the farm now belonging to Alexander Deppen. He also followed the butcher business for some years. He took some part in local affairs, serving as school director, was a Republican in politics, and was an active member of the Stone Valley Church, in which he held the office of deacon. He died Dec. 10, 1883, aged forty-two years, eleven months, sixteen days, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife Sophia (Trego), daughter of Samuel Trego, was born Oct. 8, 1837, and died Dec. 27, 1877, and is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. They had the following





children: John F., Mary (Mrs. Jerre Heckert), Sarah (Mrs. John E. Bastress), Charles H. and Samuel (died aged ten years).

JOHN F. BROSIUS, son of George, a merchant of Dalmatia (Georgetown), was born Aug. 6, 1863, where he still lives, and received his education in the public schools. He passed his boyhood upon the farm, assisting with the agricultural work and also helping his father in the butcher business for several years. He then became clerk in a hotel at Herndon, being thus engaged for two years, and at the age of twenty he went out to Ogle county, Ill., where he did farm work for about one year. After his marriage he began clerking in a hotel in his native township, continuing in that position three years, until he engaged in the livery business, in Dalmatia, in 1891, on his own account. After conducting same about one and a half years he sold out and entered the bottling business, which he carried on altogether about fifteen years, during which time, however, he was also engaged as owner and proprietor of the "National Hotel" at Dalmatia, the leading hotel of the town. He was interested in the hotel business for six and a half years, selling his property and good will in 1908—to Jacob Bingham, the present proprietor. Since the spring of 1910 Mr. Brosius has had a general mercantile and drug business at Dalmatia, carrying a full stock in both lines, and he is agent and distributor for various kinds of farm implements and vehicles of every description. In this connection he handles the famous Mifflinburg (Pa.) and Michigan buggies and other vehicles, in which line he has a large trade; has the district agency of the DeLaval cream separators, of which he has sold many in his section of the county; is agent for a number of different harvesting machines, many makes of plows and harrows and farm supplies of various kinds, doing the largest business of the kind in the territory south of Line Mountain. Stoves, heating apparatus and bathroom supplies constitute another line in which he has built up a profitable trade. Mr. Brosius is vice-president and a director of the Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company, director and manager of the Aluminum Paint & Tile Company, of Dalmatia (which employs six men), is the owner of considerable real estate in Dalmatia, and an all-around man of affairs in his community, where he is regarded as a leading business man, and a citizen whose public spirit and progressive influence have done much for the general welfare. He has gained his substantial position through his own efforts, and the high standing he enjoys is the result of a consistent career of honorable dealings and the pursuit of creditable ambitions. His financial acumen and trustworthy character were recognized by his selection to the office of treasurer of Lower Mahanoy township, a position he filled

for many years. He is a Republican in politics, socially is identified with the Jr. O. U. A. M., John B. Packer Council, No. 854, of Dalmatia (of which he was elected treasurer in 1896, two months after joining, and has filled the office ever since), and with the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 864 at Herndon, and in religion is a Lutheran. He belongs to the Lutheran congregation at Dalmatia Union Church, of which his wife is a Reformed member, and served four years as deacon, declining another two years' term.

On Sept. 3, 1887, Mr. Brosius married Mary G. Emerick, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Spotts) Emerick, and granddaughter of John and Anna (Charles) Emerick. They have four children: Albert Eugene, Harry E. (born Jan. 17, 1893), Leotta C. and Anna S.

CHARLES H. BROSIUS, who conducts a livery business at Dalmatia, was born April 22, 1870, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of George and Sophia (Trego) Brosius. He was reared upon the farm, and did farm work from the time he commenced regular employment, at the age of thirteen, until he reached the age of seventeen. The next year he clerked in a hotel, and then became traveling salesman for D. F. Witmer, jobber and manufacturer of confectionery, of Herndon, following this line of work for three years. For the next two years he was engaged as bar clerk at Tower City and Lykens, after which he married and returned to Dalmatia, his early home. For several years he followed different kinds of work, until he entered the hack business in 1900, for Dr. M. L. Emerick of Hickory Corners. Three years later he began the livery business which he has since continued, and in which he has now an extensive custom, having an up-to-date stable, ten horses and excellent equipment. He has the reputation of always keeping reliable teams, and frequently has calls to take out parties. Mr. Brosius has built up a good business by faithful attention to the wants of his patrons, and he has been thrifty of his earnings, having bought his own residence, owns several lots in the borough, and has real estate in Washington, D. C. He is a thoroughly respected citizen, enjoying the esteem of all who know him.

In 1896 Mr. Brosius married Katie Seachrist, daughter of John Henry and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Seachrist, and they have a family of eight children: Laura M., John E., Ella M., Charles E., Catharine M., George E., Ralph E. and William E. Mr. Brosius and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation at Dalmatia. Politically he is a Republican.

Isaac E. Brosius, son of Charles and Rebecca (Emerick) Brosius, was born Nov. 19, 1852, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was reared, and where he continued to live until 1890. From



boyhood he was trained to agricultural life, which he has always followed, and in 1890 he moved to the farm near Selins Grove Junction, in the lower end of Upper Augusta township, this county, which he has since occupied, cultivating the land on shares. There are 140 acres of cleared land in this property, and Mr. Brosious has acquired a valuable farm stock during the twenty years he has been on this place, which he has placed in excellent condition by his intelligent and thrifty methods. Mr. Brosious is a Republican, and is serving his second term as school director of Upper Augusta township, having been last elected in the spring of 1910. He and his family worship in the old Lutheran Church, St. Elias Church in Hollowing Run, where he is serving his second term as elder.

On Nov. 17, 1877, Mr. Brosious married Lizzie Weaver, daughter of Henry and Annie (Bonawitz) Weaver, of Mahantango, the former a native of Lower Mahanoy township, where he died and is buried, his grave being at the Binghamman Evangelical Church at the county line. Mrs. Brosious's grandfather was Henry Weaver, who also lived in Lower Mahanoy township, later moving to Juniata county, where he died and is buried. Fifteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brosious, as follows: Charles H.; Jonathan A., deceased in infancy; Arthur F., of Upper Augusta township, who married Mary Drumm; William I.; Forrest E., of Lower Augusta township, who married Virgie Brosius; Stella M., who married Charles Brosious, a contractor of Sunbury; Cartie M., unmarried, who lives at home; Lizzie A., wife of William D. Wolf; a son that died in infancy; Beulah D. and Anna C., both of whom are unmarried and at home; and Eben T., Flossie H., Leroy and E. G., all of whom are attending school.

CHARLES H. BROSIUS, son of Isaac E., was born March 4, 1880, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there attended the common schools. He was reared to farming, which he followed as assistant to his father in his youth, continuing to live with his parents until 1904. That year he moved to Sunbury, where he continued to reside for a year and a half, following which he was located at Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, for four years, in the spring of 1910 settling at his present home in the central part of Rockefeller township, at the Center (Shipman) schoolhouse. It was at one time the Daniel Conrad homestead, later owned by William Horning, and consists of seventy-one acres of fertile land, with good buildings and various modern improvements. Everything about the property is in excellent condition, and Mr. Brosious has up-to-date machinery and the necessary equipment for carrying on his work profitably and expeditiously. He has a silo, and is wide-awake in adopting any approved apparatus or methods

for facilitating good work, being regarded as one of the enterprising young farmers of his section. The farm is sure to improve materially under his energetic management. For nine years Mr. Brosious was engaged in the dairy business, conducting a daily milk route to Sunbury.

On July 9, 1904, Mr. Brosious married Katie May Foy, daughter of Daniel B. and Sallie M. (Rebuck) Foy, of Rockefeller township, and they have one daughter, Ellen May. Mr. Brosious and his family worship at the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury.

WILLIAM I. BROSIUS, son of Isaac E., was born June 2, 1883, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and there began his education in the public schools. When he was in his seventh year his parents moved to their present home in Upper Augusta township, and he continued to work for them on the farm until he reached his majority, at which time he took up the carpenter's trade. He followed that business about four years altogether. In the spring of 1893 he had begun farming on shares, being thus engaged for two years, one in Lower Augusta township and one in Rockefeller township. After that he was employed at his trade until the spring of 1910, when he purchased and settled upon the farm of seventy-two acres in Lower Augusta township, near Mount Zion U. B. Church, which he now occupies. This farm was owned in the earlier days by John Bartholomew, and later by F. B. Delbough. Mr. Brosious raises general crops and attends the Sunbury markets. He is prospering by strict attention to his work, and is one of the industrious and respected citizens of his locality.

On July 4, 1902, Mr. Brosious married Bertha Daisy Delbough, daughter of F. P. and Carrie Delbough, of Lower Augusta township, and they have three children, namely: Eugene A.; B. Violet and W. Leroy. Mr. Brosious and his family are Lutherans in religious faith. He is a Republican on political questions.

Peter Brosius, born July 23, 1782, was one of the early residents in the lower end of the county, and followed farming, owning a large acreage, now divided into two farms. The one went to his son Peter and is now owned and occupied by Wesley Snyder; the other went to his son Andrew, and is now owned by the Milton Drumbheller estate. Peter Brosius died Nov. 19, 1849, and he and his two wives are buried at the Himmel Church. All his children were born to his first marriage, with Anna Margaretha Hepler, who was born July 19, 1786, and died April 27, 1838. His second wife, Anna Maria (Hepler), was a sister to the first, and was herself first married to Jacob Reitz; she was born April 4, 1784, and died Sept. 23, 1857. Two sons and three daughters





were born to Peter and Anna Margaretha Brosius: Maricha, who married Godfried Rebuck; Godfried; Peter; Eve, who married a son of Rev. Mr. Hempling; and Anna, who married Benneville Holshue (storekeeper, hotelkeeper and postmaster at Greenbrier, in Upper Mahanoy township) and (second) a German named Lawrence, with whom she moved West.

Godfried Brosius, son of Peter, was a farmer all his life. He settled in Washington township, where Milton Drumheller now lives, and was a Lutheran member of the Himmel Church there, where he is buried. He was born Jan. 27, 1808, and died November 29, 1851; his wife Catharine Klock, born Nov. 24, 1805, died Dec. 1, 1876, and is also buried at the Himmel Church. We have the following record of their children: (1) Judith married David Ferster, and they lived near Urban, Pa. (2) Samuel obtained the homestead of his father when he was sold out, and later moved north of the mountain into one of the Augusta townships. He married Kate Rebuck, and they had children, Wilhelmina, Emma, James, Washington, Zetic and Sivilla. (3) Lydia married Joseph Rebuck and they lived near the Himmel Church in Washington township. (4) Sarah, born in 1837, died in 1854, unmarried. (5) Peter married a Miss Christ and they lived in Ashland, Pa. They had a family. (6) Joseph had a small tract of land in the neighborhood of the Himmel Church, and besides cultivating it followed his trade of carpenter. He married Henrietta Clark and they had Jane (Mrs. Morris Rothermel) and Laura (Mrs. Richard Hilbush).

Peter Brosius, the other son of Peter and Anna Margaretha (Hepler) Brosius, passed all his life in the Swabian creek district, near Greenbrier, in what is now Washington township, Washington and Upper Mahanoy townships forming the Swabian Creek Valley. He owned over two hundred acres of land (the farm now owned by Wesley Snyder), and was an enterprising and successful man, in addition to farming being engaged in milling, in which he prospered as in his other work. He operated an oil mill, sawmill and gristmill. He was succeeded by his son Andrew. Peter Brosius died Feb. 2, 1854, aged forty-three years, five months, nineteen days, and was buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. His wife, Catharine Gonsor, daughter of Daniel Gonsor, of Washington township, died Oct. 6, 1895, aged eighty-five years, eleven months, twenty-nine days. They had a large family, viz.: Andrew G. is mentioned below; Eve married John Hetrich; Maria (deceased) married a Mr. Beissel; Catharine (deceased) married William Hetrich; Daniel (deceased) lived on part of the homestead, where Charles Brosius now lives; Mary married John Houten (or Hou-

den); Emanuel G. is mentioned below; James died when about eleven years old.

Andrew G. Brosius was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Sept. 23, 1832, and died April 16, 1900, aged sixty-seven years. He owned and operated the Brosius mill and farm, his land consisting of 120 acres, now owned by his son-in-law, Wesley Snyder, and the mill is now owned and operated by his son William S. During his ownership of the mill Andrew G. Brosius remodeled it, and he had a linseed oil mill and sawmill, as well as a gristmill. A man of initiative and energy, he long held his place as the leading business man of the district, where he did considerable building and lent his influence and aid to many projects which benefited the whole community. He was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church, where he held various offices, and was also a public officeholder, serving as school director and supervisor of his township. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Brosius was twice married. His first wife, Mary A. Schankweiler, daughter of Solomon Schankweiler, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born Sept. 9, 1834, and died March 12, 1867. They were the parents of five children; Sarah married John Keim; Samuel lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Cassie married Wesley Snyder; William S. is mentioned below; Mary married Lewis Rothermel. By his second marriage, to Luzetta Adam, daughter of Jeremiah Adam, there were three children: Galen, of Rough and Ready, Pa.; Frances, who married William Snyder; and Andrew Jackson.

WILLIAM S. BROSIUS, son of Andrew G., operates the old gristmill and sawmill run by his father and grandfather before him, at Greenbrier, in Washington township, where he was born March 10, 1865. He was reared to work on the farm and in the mill, assisting his father until he reached his majority, after which he was employed in the coal mines at Locust Dale for a period of eight years. For the following ten years he was engaged in railroading, on the Philadelphia & Reading road. On April 2, 1900, he came to his present home and has since devoted himself to the operation of the mill; it is located on a two-acre piece of land. Mr. Brosius has a thriving business, which has continued to grow under his management, and he is a reliable miller and honorable in all his transactions, having the respect of all who have had dealings with him.

In 1888 Mr. Brosius married Elizabeth Umlauf, daughter of Henry and Dinah (Racebeck) Umlauf, of Ashland, Pa., the former of German descent, the latter of English ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Brosius have had a large family, namely: Francis, Myrtle, Guy, Gertrude, Adda, William, Ethel, a son that died in infancy, Clarence, Emery, Henry, and Roy (who died when five





months old). Mr. Brosius and his family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

ANDREW JACKSON BROSIUS, son of Andrew G. and Luzetta (Adam) Brosius, was born June 20, 1880, in Washington township, and received his education in the local schools. He was reared to farm life, but also gained a familiar knowledge of the milling business, operating the Brosius mill at Greenbrier for four years, from the time he was seventeen years old. For five years he also followed the carpenter's trade, one year as journeyman and four years as boss carpenter, during which time he built a number of houses and barns in the locality, employing at times as many as seven men. In 1904 he began farming at his present home in Upper Mahanoy township, where he owns a tract of one hundred acres, which for a number of years belonged to Amos Mattern. Mr. Brosius has found huckstering profitable, and he makes weekly trips to Shamokin, where he disposes of his various products. He is a thrifty young farmer, and is making good progress in his work.

On Nov. 23, 1901, Mr. Brosius married Sarah Elizabeth Mattern, daughter of Amos Mattern, and they have a family of four children: Harry R., Norma L., Blanch C. and Amelia L. Mr. Brosius was originally identified with the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church, but since living in Upper Mahanoy township he and his family attend St. John's Church, where he is at present serving as a deacon.

EMANUEL G. BROSIUS, son of Peter and Catharine (Gonsor) Brosius, was born Sept. 17, 1845, in the Swabian creek district, and was reared on the farm of his parents, for whom he continued to work until he was of age. He then began farming on his own account, at the place where Israel Lahr now lives, being located there for eight years. About 1878 he came to his present home in Lower Augusta township, where he has lived continuously since. The first seven years he was a tenant of Henry Reitz, and then bought the place, which contains 150 acres of good land, which under his care has been brought to a highly improved state. He built his house in 1898 and his barn in 1901. The place has been intelligently and systematically cared for ever since it came into his possession, and is now a valuable piece of property. Mr. Brosius formerly held the office of overseer of the poor, and is now serving as supervisor of his township, which office he has held since 1908. He votes independently. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Elias Church, which he has served as deacon, elder, treasurer and trustee, holding the two offices last named at present.

In August, 1870, Mr. Brosius married Wil-

helmina Brosius, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Rebuck) Brosius, who lived at the place now occupied by Milton Drumbheller, Samuel Brosius later moving to Plum Creek, in Rockefeller township. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel G. Brosius: Sarah J. married David Rebuck; Catharine married Frank Hetrich; Emma married Charles Wanke; Charles is a resident of Sunbury; Irwin is unmarried and lives at home; Virgie married F. Brosius; Nora married Calvin Klock; Annie married John Strasser.

Jacob Broschious, great-grandfather of Charles H. Broschious, of Sunbury, farmed in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and lived in the vicinity of Uniontown, where he died about 1848, at an advanced age. He is buried in the lower end of the county. In religion he was a Lutheran. To him and his wife Catharine Beisel were born the following children: Daniel, John, Jacob, Elias, Samuel, Lydia, Catharine, Maricha and Sally.

Samuel Broschious, son of Jacob, was a native of the Swabian creek valley, born in 1821, and farmed in Shamokin township the greater part of his life, also engaging in the hotel business near Paxinos, on the Tulpehocken road. He dealt rather extensively in horses and cattle, and in the pursuit of his various interests became a widely known man. He died at his home in Stonington, in Shamokin township, in 1904, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and is buried at Snyder-town. In religious matters he was connected with the Lutheran church, and in politics he was a Democrat, taking interest in the success of his party and in the local welfare; he served as supervisor and overseer of the poor. Mr. Broschious's first wife, Rebecca (Hepner), daughter of George and Eve (Weiser) Hepner, died in 1859, aged forty-two years, the mother of three children: David, Henry and Elizabeth (who married Jacob Eister and lives in Sunbury). His second marriage was to Mary Ann Hartline, daughter of George Hartline, and she survives him. Two children were born to this union: Sevilla, who married John Richie; and Rebecca, who died young.

David Broschious, son of Samuel, was born in 1842 in the Mahantango Valley, and died in Lower Mahanoy township, Sept. 4, 1902. He is buried at Lantz's Church. For five years Mr. Broschious farmed in Lower Augusta township, and then for nineteen years followed that vocation in the Irish Valley, returning to Lower Augusta township and thence moving to Lower Mahanoy, where he was residing at the time of his death. He was an active member of the Democratic party, and held local offices. In religion he adhered to the Reformed faith. Mr. Broschious married Louisa Fegley, daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Zartman) Fegley, and six children were born to them: Web-



ster, now of Baltimore, Md.; Charles H.; Mary, who married William Shipe; Katie, who married D. H. Snyder; and two that died in infancy.

CHARLES H. BROSCIOUS, contractor and builder, of Sunbury, senior member of the firm of C. H. Broschious & Co., was born July 4, 1869, at Augustaville, son of David Broschious. He grew up in the Irish Valley, where he received his education in the public schools, until he was twenty-one years old living and working on the farm. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Shamokin for eleven years in one employ, for the West End Lumber Company. His next work was as carpenter at Sunbury in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and in 1904 he embarked in the contracting and building business there on his own account. He is now associated with Mr. C. H. Wiest. In addition to their contracting and building business they deal in and manufacture all kinds of lumber and builders' supplies, handling lime, cement, builders' hardware, slate, roofing, etc., and they have a modern mill, where all kinds of planing mill work can be turned out. The firm employs as many as forty-five men, and among other structures of their construction may be mentioned the B. F. Brown three-story storehouse; the W. A. Shipman residence on Market street; the *Daily* printing office at Sunbury; the Charles L. Silvious residence; the Elwood Fasold residence; the David Slear residence on Susquehanna avenue; the Keystone machine works; the Catawissa Avenue M. E. Church, 1910; the Jere Lower residence, and many more of the leading business and residence structures in the borough. Mr. Broschious has applied himself assiduously to his work, and the progress he has made is due entirely to his own efforts. He has established himself in a substantial business, and has built up an extensive trade, the scope of which is widening continually under his energetic and well-directed endeavors. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Maclay lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., as well as of Washington Camp, No. 189, P. O. S. of A., to which he has belonged since 1893. For eight years he held membership in the I. O. O. F.

On March 23, 1897, Mr. Broschious married Alice Zimmerman, daughter of Sebastian Zimmerman, of Sunbury, and six children have been born to them: Marion (who died aged four years), David Sebastian, Harriet Louisa, Henry H., Russell Carl and Raymond Clarence. Mr. Broschious and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Jacob Brosius, great-grandfather of Maurice E. Brosius, lived in Jordan township, Northumberland county, on the farm which later belonged to

George Brosius, and followed farming throughout his active years. His children were: Daniel, Elias, John, Jacob, Samuel, Maricha (married Ferdinand Masser), Elizabeth (married Jonas Bohner), Mrs. Solomon Delp and Mrs. Peter Thomas.

Daniel Brosius, son of Jacob, was born in Jordan township Nov. 14, 1808, and there engaged in farming on an old homestead of the Brosius family, owning a tract of 130 acres now the property of George Emerich. He died Dec. 17, 1885, survived by his wife, Sarah (Wenrich), whose people came from the Heidelberg valley in Berks county. She was born Jan. 16, 1815, and died Sept. 14, 1895, and they are buried at St. Paul's Church, at Urban. Mr. Brosius was first a member of the Hebe Church, later uniting with St. Paul's, and he was active in church work, holding various offices. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brosius: Michael, George, Annie (1847-1863) and Polly (married Andrew Adams). Of these, George, who was a lifelong farmer, lived and died on his father's homestead; he married Polly Wolfgang, and their children were Catharine, Emma, Jane, Ella, Daniel, Nora, Cora, Elwood and Lizzie.

Michael Brosius, son of Daniel, now a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, was born across the line in Jordan township July 4, 1842. He was reared in Jordan township, where he worked for his father and for a year or two as hired man on farms, in about 1864 beginning farming for himself. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits in Jordan township until about 1904, when he practically retired, moving to his present home in Lower Mahanoy, where he has a small tract besides his dwelling, which was built by one Daniel Schlegel. Mr. Brosius has led a quiet life, and has taken no part in public affairs except to serve as school director. He has been active, however, in the work of St. Paul's Church at Urban, to which he and his family belong, and which he served as deacon and elder. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Brosius has been twice married. His first marriage, which took place during the Civil war, was to Kate Bush, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hollenbach) Bush, and she died Aug. 19, 1893, aged fifty-four years, nine days. She is buried at St. Paul's Church. Ten children were born to this union: Frank, Henry, William, Maurice E., Gordon, Orlando, Annie, Francis, and two that died young. There are no children by the second marriage, to Barbara Bohner, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia (Spotts) Bohner.

MAURICE E. BROSIUS, a farmer of Jordan township, was born Aug. 26, 1874, and has passed practically all his life in that township. He was reared to farm work, and assisted his parents except during the time he was attending school. In addition to the privileges of the public schools





he had the advantages of Uniontown Seminary for several terms. At the youthful age of seventeen he began teaching, receiving his license from Prof. William E. Bloom, and for eight successive terms he followed that profession in Jordan township. Meantime, in the spring of 1900, he bought his present farm, a tract of sixty-seven acres in Jordan township formerly belonging to John T. Wiest, who purchased it from Simon Bohner, whose predecessor was Samuel Bush. Mr. Brosius devotes the principal part of his time to farming, and he has also had considerable success as an insurance agent, being one of the three agents of the Stone Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mahanoy. He has also been a faithful public servant, having held the office of auditor of his township for seven years in succession. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Brosius is well and favorably known in his locality, where his successful business life and excellent public service have gained him high standing among his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 3, 1894, Mr. Brosius married Kate E. Wiest, daughter of John T. Wiest, and they have a family of five children: Mabel, Carlos, Fred, Harold and John. Mr. Brosius and his family are members of the Hebe Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1905. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 232, P. O. S. of A., at Hebe.

Abraham Broseus (Brosius), Sr., yeoman, of Upper Mahanoy township, died there, near the Schuylkill county line, in 1844. He made his last will and testament Jan. 22, 1839, and it was probated Jan. 11, 1844, soon after his death, which likely occurred early that month. He signed this document Abraham "Broseus," and his descendants generally have adhered to that spelling of the name. He provided liberally for his wife Catharine, who was to have all movable property, and after her death her clothes were to be divided between her daughters Euline and Anna Mary. Mr. Broseus left a large estate, being considered a wealthy man in his day. The following children were mentioned in the will: Peter, three hundred pounds; Abraham (Abram), three hundred pounds; Euline, who married John Beachtel; George, deceased, whose heirs were to have \$169.49 each; Elizabeth, who married Peter Zegenfus (they were to have sixty dollars more); Nicholas, "yet 100 pounds"; John, "yet 100 pounds"; Anna Mary, who married John Delb. and they obtained the homestead (containing 160 acres) on which they lived in 1839 (they were to pay out 1,100 pounds).

ABRAM BROCEUS (as he wrote the name), son of Abraham, Sr., was born in Washington township April 24, 1817, and lived there until he was seventeen years old. He then went out to Ohio, stopping first at Massillon, but during the great

part of his residence in that state he was located at Akron, where he learned the carpenter's trade, working for Henry Howe, brother of Captain Howe. He followed that trade for a number of years. He was married at Greensburg, near Akron, and there lived until after the birth of his oldest child, Raymond, soon after which he moved to Berrien county, Mich., settling in Buchanan township. Mr. Broceus took up land, and continued to follow his trade besides clearing and cultivating his land until he had his property paid for. Selling that property he bought a 200-acre farm within one mile of the village of Buchanan and there spent the last thirty years of his life. The success he met with was due entirely to his own industry and good management, for he was a self-made man in the best sense of the term. He was the pioneer of his family in Michigan, and in 1909 his descendants organized a family association, holding their first reunion at his old homestead: the second was held in August, 1910. A man of unassuming life and retiring disposition, he was a useful, respected member of society, and his death, which occurred June 2, 1894, was widely mourned. He is buried in the Broceus family plot in Oakridge cemetery, at Buchanan, Mich. Mr. Broceus was a member of the Evangelical Association, and active in church life. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Broceus married Abigail Smith, who died July 24, 1880, aged fifty-six years. Ten children were born to this union: Raymond, who lives at Buchanan, Mich.; Eliza, wife of Justice H. Steiner; Mary Ann, wife of Solomon Quint, of Carroll, Iowa; William, who died at Buchanan, Mich.; Henry, of Buchanan, Mich.; Malinda, deceased, who was the wife of George W. Rough; Matilda, wife of George Hanley; John W., of Buchanan, Mich.; Emma, wife of Ansalom Wray; and H. Francelia, widow of Jefferson Fowler, of Buchanan, Mich. There were forty-four grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

On Oct. 9, 1883, Mr. Broceus married (second) Lucy A. Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where Mrs. Broceus was born. No children were born to this union. Mrs. Broceus continues to make her home in Buchanan, Berrien Co., Mich., visiting her kindred in Northumberland county, Pa., every two or three years.

According to the records at the Northumberland county courthouse one Abraham Brosius must have died shortly before Nov. 24, 1852, in Lower Augusta township. After the widow had renounced the privilege of administration, papers were given to Elias Brosius, probably a son.

THOMAS J. LUCKENBILL, who has a large farm in the Tuckahoe Valley, in Point township,





Northumberland county, one of the finest farms in that section, was born Sept. 12, 1861, in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., and belongs to one of the early settled families of that county.

Mr. Luckenbill's first ancestor in this country was Johan Tost (Ekel ?) Luckenbill, who came from Germany on the ship "Thistle," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 20, 1730. (Another account says Johan Ekel and his brother Hendrick landed from the "Thistle" Aug. 29, 1730.) He and his brother Hendrick, who emigrated with him, are the progenitors of the family in this country. It is believed that Johan and his wife are buried at Bowers Church, in Perry township, Berks county, and it is traditional that he was married when he came to America, that his wife was a Swiss, and that he came from that part of Germany that bounds Switzerland. He had eight children: (1) Maria married Michael Deibert (or Divert) and settled in Schuylkill county. (2) Heinrich married Catharine Weber, who, tradition says, was of Swiss extraction. In 1759 he was a taxable resident of Maxatawny township, Berks county, owning land in the vicinity of Bowers. He later removed to Wayne township, Schuylkill county, and shortly before his death became totally blind. His children were: Adam, Henry, Solomon, George, Susanna, Sophia, Rebecca and Beckie. (3) Abraham married Eva Lengel, and had these children: John, Abraham, Jonas, Emanuel, Kate, Rebecca, Sallie and Eva. Abraham Luckenbill is said to have settled in Schuylkill county. In 1759 he was a taxpayer in Rockland township, and he later moved across the line into Maxatawny township. (4) John married Polly West and had two children, Isaac and Mary. (5) Andraes married Miss Lengel and their children were George, Joel, Sallie, Judith, Diana and Maria. (6) Christian is mentioned below. (7) George, of whose history no records are in evidence. (8) Another son whose name is unknown.

Christian Luckenbill, son of the emigrant Johan, was born in 1767 and died about 1852. He was early a settler in Perry township, Berks county, where he was a farmer and owned land, and it is known that he lived in that county for some years, but in 1790 he and his brother George were taxable residents of Manheim township, Schuylkill county. It is traditional that after 1800 he returned to Berks county, and was buried at Bowers Church in Maxatawny township, where he had a farm. He married Catharine Kline, of Maxatawny township, and they had children: Thomas; David, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Benjamin, who settled in Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Rothermel; and another daughter, Mrs. Heckman.

Thomas Luckenbill, born in Perry township in 1800, died there in 1863. He was a farmer and owner of the Luckenbill homestead, owning the

200-acre tract later the property of his son Thomas, and was a school director and useful citizen. He married Annie Wink, daughter of John Wink, of Maxatawny township, and ten children were born to this union: Augustus; Edwin; Lucy, who died in infancy; James; Thomas; Sarah Ann, wife of Simon Adam, deceased; Jacob, who died aged forty-five; Simon; Alfred, and Cyrus.

James Luckenbill, son of Thomas, was born in 1831 in Perry township, Berks county, and died in 1903 near Virginville, that county; he is buried at Dunkel's Church. By occupation a farmer, he had a farm of 157 acres above Virginville, and he was active in the life of his locality, serving as school director and supervisor of his township. Politically he was a Democrat. His widow, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Folk) Heinly, lives at Kutztown, Pa., making her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Ramer. She is now (1910) over seventy-five years old. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Luckenbill: Elenora, Mrs. Rolandus Dreibelbie, of Virginville, Pa.; James W., who died in 1907; Thomas J.; Jorlah, who married William Sunday; Alice, wife of James Yeager; Oscar, of Maxatawny township; Angelina, Mrs. George Seidel; and Laura, Mrs. George Ramer.

Thomas J. Luckenbill attended the schools in his home district and from his youth was familiar with farm work. After working on the railroad for five years he commenced farming in Tilden township, Berks county, farming there for seven years, on a place along the Schuylkill river, south of Hamburg. Selling out, he moved to Montour county, where he conducted a creamery at Washingtonville for one year, after which he farmed in that region for eleven years. For another year he was employed in the staple works at Williamsport, Pa., during which time he met with an accident which caused the loss of two of his fingers. In 1907 he settled at his present home in Point township, Northumberland county, where he owns an extensive tract of 339 acres, limestone soil, regarded as one of the most valuable properties in that section. Mr. Luckenbill rents his land, but he gives his personal attention to the improvement of the place, and in 1909 he built a fine residence there which adds materially to the value of the farm. By good management he has become successful and his prosperity is well deserved.

In 1880 Mr. Luckenbill married Ida Mengel, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Zettlemoyer) Mengel, of Windsor township, Berks county, and granddaughter of Jacob Mengel. Two children have been born to this union: (1) Elwood, born in Windsor township, Berks county, married Eva Gresh, daughter of George Gresh, of Washingtonville, Pa., but of a family formerly from Berks county. They have two children, Lesley and Elwood. (2) Mary married George Wallace but has



no children. They live in Montour county. Mr. Luckenbill and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

**GEARHART.** The Gearharts have been numerous and prominent in Northumberland county since shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, and one township of the county has been named in their honor. Two brothers, Jacob and William Gearhart, came to Northumberland county about 1790, the former settling in what is now Gearhart township, the latter in Rush township. As we are principally concerned with the posterity of Jacob Gearhart in this article, we give his record first.

Jacob Gearhart was born in 1735 in Strasburg, then a city of France, now belonging to Germany, and came to the New World when a young man, landing at New York in 1754. He soon crossed over into Hunterdon county, N. J., where he made his home for many years. When the Revolution broke out he was among the first to offer his services to his adopted country, enlisting in 1775, in the Hunterdon county volunteers, with which he served as a private. A man of brave and fearless spirit, he was soon promoted to ensign and later to captain, and stood so high in the confidence of his superior officers that he was one of the two New Jersey men chosen by Washington to take charge of the crossing of the Delaware on the eventful night of Dec. 25, 1776, when the Hessian camp at Trenton was attacked. The other was Captain Van Tenyck. After the crossing had been effected the boats were placed in their charge, with orders to destroy them should the expedition prove a failure. Captain Gearhart also took part in the battle of the Brandywine and spent the hard winter of 1777-78 with Washington at Valley Forge. At the close of the war he returned to his old home in Hunterdon county, N. J., but a few years later he joined the tide of emigration which took many westward from New Jersey into Pennsylvania and from the eastern counties of Pennsylvania farther out. Between 1785 and 1795 many families from that region settled in what are now Rush and Gearhart townships, Northumberland county, among them those of Capt. Jacob Gearhart and his brother William. In 1790 the Captain and his family left Hunterdon county by wagon train. Late one afternoon they came to a deserted Indian hut close by a fine spring, on the farm now owned by Mrs. I. H. Torrence, a great-granddaughter of the Captain, and decided to camp for the night. When the land was examined in the morning it was found to be fertile, and the water was so abundant and of such good quality that the old warrior determined to found his home at that site. He purchased land along the Susquehanna from Kipp's run to Boyd's run, one mile back from the river, all of it at that time a dense forest. With the aid of

his sons he began to clear and till the land, and after clearing a portion on a small bluff overlooking the beautiful Susquehanna he erected a small frame house which is still standing, though more than a hundred years old. It is still owned by his descendants. He set out an orchard which was completely destroyed by a hailstorm in 1846. In 1813, after an active life of seventy-eight years, Captain Gearhart died, and his wife, Catharine Kline, survived him a few years. They had a family of eleven children, namely: Jacob, born in 1763, died in 1841; Hermon, born in 1765, died in 1835; George is mentioned below; William, born in 1776, died in 1854; Charles, born in 1783, died in 1863; John, born in 1788, died in 1858; Isaac; Benjamin; Elizabeth; Mary; and Catharine.

Jacob Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, was a farmer by occupation. He possessed intelligence and ability beyond the ordinary and had more than an average education for his day. On Jan. 10, 1814, he was appointed associate judge of Northumberland county, which position he held until his resignation in 1839, after an incumbency longer than that of any other judge in the county. In politics he was an influential Democrat, and a meeting was once held at his house by Simon Cameron, whom Andrew Jackson (then President) had requested to secure the influence of Pennsylvania in favor of the nomination of Martin Van Buren. Judge Gearhart was a pioneer Methodist, and frequently entertained Rev. Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Church in the United States. He died Aug. 2, 1841, and is buried in Mount Vernon cemetery, at Riverside, Pa. Judge Gearhart married Margaret Runkell, of New Jersey, and they were the parents of one son, John, born in September, 1789, who married Sophia Brown, born June 4, 1797. They had a family of six children, born as follows: Jacob, 1818; Sarah, Jan. 17, 1821; Margaret, April 22, 1823; Mary B., Sept. 15, 1825; Henry, Aug. 7, 1829; Jesse B., May 17, 1833. Of these, Margaret married Rev. I. H. Torrence, a prominent Methodist clergyman, now deceased. Mrs. Torrence, who still resides on the homestead, is now past eighty-seven years old. She is the mother of three children: Mary Virginia married George B. O'Connor and had a daughter Mary F., wife of J. Calvin Peifer (they have a son, George Torrence); Sarah Ellen married C. M. Kyght, and has a son, Torrence; William is deceased.

Harmon Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Abigail Bayler, and they resided in the frame house built by his father. Much of his land is now included in the borough of Riverside and in South Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart had a family of twelve children, as follows: Mary married Henry Yorks and had children, Clinton, Amanda and Ellen (married





David Unger); George, who removed to Ohio, had two sons and two daughters; Margaret married Jonas Wolfe and had children, Donald, Gearhart, Wellington and three daughters; Jacob died unmarried; Daniel is mentioned more fully below; William died unmarried; Hannah was born in 1821; Elizabeth, Ellen, Susan and Kate died unmarried; Peter married Celestia Coup and had children, George, Gertrude (married Charles Chalfant) and Lillian (married Dr. N. M. Smith).

Daniel Gearhart, son of Harmon Gearhart, married Sarah Koons, daughter of Philip and Hannah (Haas) Koons, both of whom were members of old families of Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart became the parents of four children, viz.: Daniel M., who lives in Alabama, married and has had children, Joseph, Rush, Sarah and Maggie; Margaret married J. W. Philips, of Danville, Pa., and has one daughter, Caddie; Sarah married William Sanders; Cadwallader W. is mentioned presently.

CADWALLADER W. GEARHART, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 30, 1852, in Rush township, this county, on the farm adjoining his present home, both farms being part of the old Gearhart tract taken up by Capt. Jacob Gearhart and his brother William in 1790. He obtained his early education in the public schools of his native township, and remained at home on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-five years. Going to New York State, he became a fireman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, being thus employed two years, after which he was promoted to engineer, in which position he continued for three years. From New York State he went down to Cedartown, Ga., where he again found work as a railroad engineer, being engaged as such for some years. In 1886 he moved from Cedartown to Talladega, Ala., where he was occupied in the same capacity until 1892, completing a record of twenty-two years in all at railroad work, during all of which time he never received an injury nor caused injury to any other person. In 1892 Mr. Gearhart moved his family back to his old home, returning alone to Alabama, where he stayed until May, 1899. Having purchased the Philip Koons property in Gearhart township, the old home of his grandfather, he then began the raising of truck and small fruits. He has improved the farm in many ways since taking possession of the property, and in 1898 built the house thereon which he and his wife now occupy, a structure of concrete blocks, which he made himself. He is an intelligent and enterprising man in the conduct of his business affairs, which have prospered continuously, and his ability has been recognized by his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to serve in local positions of public trust. He has been a school director for over fifteen years and a supervisor of

roads for some twelve years. In political connection he is a Democrat.

While in New York State Mr. Gearhart married Martha Doman. They have no children. Mr. Gearhart is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mrs. Gearhart is a member of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a member of Talladega Lodge, F. & A. M.

George Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, was born in what is now Hunterdon county, N. J., and he became a prosperous farmer and landowner. He had a beautiful farm one mile from Riverside, along the bank of the Susquehanna river one mile south of the bridge, now forming part of South Danville. It was a present to him from his father at his majority and there he lived all his life. He erected many buildings there, and as he prospered purchased more land, at his death owning between three hundred and four hundred acres along the Susquehanna. He was twice married, his first wife being Achie Runyan, who died when a young woman, the mother of four children: Bonham R., Benjamin (who moved out West), Eliza and Rebecca (married Wilson Mettler). His second wife was Phoebe Lott, by whom he had three children: Achie, George and Harmon.

Bonham R. Gearhart, M. D., son of George Gearhart, was born March 18, 1811, on his father's homestead in Rush township, and there received his early education, later attending academy at Danville. He read medicine with Dr. Harmon Gearhart, of Bloomsburg, and took a course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated. For two years Dr. Gearhart practiced in Sunbury, and he was subsequently in Washingtonville and Turbutville (1839-1844) before settling at Danville, where he was in successful practice to the close of his life. He was one of the most popular physicians of his day, and his death, which occurred May 9, 1855, when he was in his early forties, was widely mourned. He died of pneumonia. Dr. Gearhart married Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of William Boyd, of Danville, and granddaughter of William Boyd, the founder of the family in America. Mrs. Gearhart survived the Doctor many years, living to advanced age. They were the parents of a large family, viz.: William Boyd married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Buttler, and they have had children, Elizabeth Boyd and Mary Alta, the former the wife of R. Scott Ammerman and the mother of four children, Robert Boyd, William Edgar, Elizabeth Catharine and Dorothy Ada; Achie is deceased; George M., who was for many years cashier of the Danville National Bank, was born March 18, 1841, on his father's birthday, in the same room where his father was born, and married Cordelia Clark, daughter of David and Eleanor (Gearhart) Clark,





their union being blessed by three children, David Clark (who died when three years, six months old), Charles Willitts (a graduate of Lehigh University) and Eleanor Clark (married Frederick C. Kirkendall and had one son, Charles F.); a daughter, twin of George M., died in infancy; Bonham R., born May 20, 1843, long connected as cashier and later as president with the First National Bank of Danville, married Mary Louise Yorks, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (West) Yorks, and they had two children, Anna M. (who married M. Grier Youngman, cashier of the Danville National Bank and has children Mary Louise and John Bonham) and Robert Y.; Jasper married (first) Florence Yorks and after her death Margaret Thompson, and has one daughter, Emma; James B. died unmarried; Alexander Montgomery, born at Danville July 26, 1846, for many years station agent at Danville for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, married Martha McCoy, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Voris) McCoy, and they had one daughter, Nell Bonham, who married William L. McClure and had three children, Harold Russel, Donald C. and Jasper; M. Grier completed the family.

William Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Sarah, and they had a son John. John Gearhart married Martha Martin, and they were the parents of one son, Wilson M., and one daughter, Sarah, who married Alfred Sober.

Wilson M. Gearhart, son of John and Martha (Martin) Gearhart, was born Jan. 23, 1846, in Northumberland county, and spent his early life on a farm. He received his preliminary education in the country schools, later attending the Danville Institute and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., from which latter he was graduated in 1865, having completed the classical course. From that time until 1868 he was engaged in teaching, was next a bookkeeper until 1872, and then embarked in business on his own account, continuing thus until 1875. That year he was elected prothonotary of Montour county, on the Republican ticket, although the county was strongly Democratic, and his popularity was further shown in his subsequent reelection, several times. Receiving the appointment of chief clerk in the State department at Harrisburg, he retained that position up to the time of his death, in 1898. He married Jane Beaver, daughter of Jesse Beaver, of Danville, and to them were born three children: Emeline, who is deceased; J. Beaver, mentioned below; and Lois, who married John R. Sharpless, of Hazleton, Pa., and has two children, Jane and John R., Jr.

J. BEAVER GEARHART, D. D. S., only son of Wilson M. and Jane (Beaver) Gearhart, was born in Danville, and spent his boyhood days in his native

city. He was a public school pupil until his graduation from the high school, after which he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1892. This was followed by a course in dentistry, and in 1895 he opened an office in Danville, where he has since engaged in practice. He commands a wide patronage in his professional work, and personally enjoys unusual popularity. On April 2, 1895, he enlisted at Danville in Company F, 12th Regiment, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and served as a private until July 25, 1897, when he was appointed sergeant major of the battalion. On April 26, 1898, he was appointed battalion adjutant, with the rank of second lieutenant, and was recommissioned April 28, 1899, with the rank of first lieutenant. On July 31, 1899, he accepted election as first lieutenant of Company F, 12th Regiment, and on Nov. 4, 1899, he was elected captain of that company, which he commanded continuously for about nine years, having been unanimously reelected upon the expiration of his first commission, in 1904. He served nearly four years thereafter, when he resigned and was placed on the retired list of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. During the Spanish-American war Dr. Gearhart served as battalion adjutant and regular A. C. S. of the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, from May 12, 1898, to Oct. 29, 1898.

Charles Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Sarah Ephland, and their family consisted of two sons and one daughter, as follows: (1) Charles Perry, born Jan. 18, 1818, died in December, 18—. He married Agnes Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Agnes (Childs) Blue and granddaughter of Michael Blue, a soldier of the Revolution. To them were born six children: Arthur Clarence, who died unmarried; Amanda, who married S. M. Oberdorf; Edith, who married Philip Mettler and had children, Charles G. (a captain in the United States army), Agnes (who married John Smith), Edith, Alice, John and Catharine; Mary Alice, wife of E. M. Eckman; Gertrude G., wife of G. H. Sonneborn, deceased; and Charles P., mentioned later. (2) Samantha married Thomas Jamison and they had children: Helen is unmarried; Charles married (first) a Miss Lyon, by whom he had three children, Nellie (Mrs. Harry Billmeyer, who has one daughter, Martha), Thomas (married Elsie Kardisky) and Loue (married V. V. Hidaker), and his second marriage was to Elizabeth Laubach; Arthur is deceased; Frank married Alice Richardson and had children Mary and Catharine. (3) Arthur and his wife Lucy are the parents of four children: Arthur, unmarried; Anna, unmarried; William, who married Lena Herman; and Sarah, who married Samuel Detwiller and has children Lucy and Clara.



Charles P. Gearhart, son of Charles P. and Agnes (Blue) Gearhart, was born in Gearhart township and there received his early education in the local schools. Later he attended Danville Academy under Prof. James Kelso, read law with Judge Hineckley, and was admitted to the bar in 1890, since when he has been engaged in legal practice. In 1905 he was elected district attorney of Montour county, Pa., and was reelected to that position in 1908. Politically he is a Democrat. In 1881 Mr. Gearhart enlisted in the National Guard of Pennsylvania; in 1887 he was elected captain of Company F, 12th Regiment; and in 1897 became major of that regiment. He retired from the service in October, 1909, after a service of nearly twenty-nine years.

John Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Anna Cool, of New Jersey. Their children were: Ann E., Tunis, William Cool, Jacob and John. Of these, Ann E. became the wife of Wilson Mettler, who was born in 1813, son of Philip and Susan (Carter) Mettler, and died Oct. 8, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Mettler were born four children: Sarah Elizabeth, Susan M., Spencer and Anna. Sarah Elizabeth Mettler married a Hoffman, and had one daughter, Anna, who married William G. Williams; Susan M. Mettler married Hugh Vastine and had children, Wilson M., Elizabeth B. and H. Spencer (who married Sarah P. Mettler and has had children Pauline and Rachel); Spencer Mettler married Anna Brandon and had children, Flora Augusta (who married C. V. Ammerman and had a daughter Ruth) and Spencer Wilson (who died young).

Maclay Cool Gearhart was born Sept. 14, 1828, in Rush township (what is now Riverside), Northumberland county, son of William Cool and Mary Harris. (Awl) Gearhart, and a grandson of John Gearhart. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, for besides being a scion of the Gearhart family was a lineal descendant of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg, Pa., and of William Maclay, one of the first two United States senators from Pennsylvania. He was about two years old when his parents moved to a farm near Sunbury (close to what is now Seven Points), and his father dying Sept. 15, 1834, a few years afterward he moved with his mother to Sunbury. He received his education in the public schools of that place, attending at the time the public school building was located on Third street, on the present site of the old Masonic hall. At Danville, Pa., he served the greater part of his apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, which he finished learning with George C. Welker, of Sunbury, serving from 1848 to 1851. Afterward he served an apprenticeship and learned the confectioner's trade, in Philadelphia, whence he returned to Sunbury, in 1854, and started the

manufacture and sale of confectionery. His first location was in the old Painter building, on Market street, between Second and Third streets, and later he moved to a location on the same street between Third and Fourth streets, where he had his place of business and residence as well. He continued his establishment until 1901, when he closed out the business, thereafter living in retirement until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1903.

Mr. Gearhart was a prominent citizen of Sunbury for a number of years. For many years he was an influential member of the school board of that borough, serving one year as treasurer of the board; was a member of the Sunbury town council one term; and served two terms as treasurer of the borough. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church from boyhood, transferring his membership to the Lutheran Church in order to have his family together in one church. He served a number of years as member of the church council, in both churches.

At the time of his death Mr. Gearhart was the oldest resident Freemason in Sunbury. He served two terms as worshipful master of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; having served so faithfully during his first term, he was elected the second time from the floor of the lodge. During his second term the lodge was in straitened circumstances financially, and he ordered the secretary to prepare for him a list of the members showing all delinquents, after which he made a personal canvass among the members, collecting the back dues and thus placing the finances of the lodge on a firm basis. During his service as worshipful master, in 1870, occurred the big fire which destroyed the corner where the Oppenheimer & Jonas clothing store now stands, burning to Court street. As there was great danger of the Masonic Hall building burning he removed all the lodge paraphernalia to his residence, packing the same in chests and personally caring for the property.

On June 28, 1854, Mr. Gearhart married Rosanna Gossler, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Petty) Gossler, and they had a family.

ROBERT HARRIS GEARHART, son of Maclay Cool and Rosanna (Gossler) Gearhart, was born Aug. 28, 1855, in Sunbury, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools and academy of the borough. For a short time he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company, subsequently assisting his father for a number of years, and then returning to his former employers, with whom he continued for six years. He had been familiar with the confectionery business from boyhood, and he again became his father's assistant in that line, continuing until his father closed out business. Mr. Gearhart has been prominently identified with politics from early manhood, actively associated with the best interests of the Republican party in city and county affairs for





a number of years. In 1890 and 1900 he was census enumerator of the Second ward of Sunbury, where he resides; in 1898 he was appointed, by the board of county commissioners, as mercantile appraiser; and served the Sunbury standing committee as secretary and treasurer for a period of seven years. On May 13, 1902, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Sunbury, and has since been re-appointed, by F. K. Hill, the present postmaster. He is a capable official and a highly respected citizen.

In 1879 Mr. Gearhart married Mary Cornman, daughter of Ephraim and Barbara (Schrumm) Cornman, of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., the former of whom was the first public printer of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Gearhart is a descendant of Pocahontas through her connection with the Randolph family of Virginia. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart: (1) Rev. Ephraim Maclay Gearhart, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Sunbury, married Minnie Kline, of Williamsport, Pa., who died in 1907, leaving a son, Ephraim Maclay, Jr. (2) Rosanna G. married Prof. Lewis H. Mackiney, one of the high school teachers at Sunbury, where they reside, and they have one son, Arland H. (3) Robert H. is a theological student at Gettysburg Seminary. (4) Marion R. married Bessie Miller and they reside at Carlisle, Pa. (he is a printer). (5) Mary C. graduated from Sunbury high school with the class of 1911, taking first honors.

Mr. Gearhart and his family reside at No. 47 South Fifth street. They are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, to which he has belonged since 1872. He was made a Mason in 1876, being entered in October, crafted in November and raised in December, and he was one of the youngest men ever initiated into the fraternity at Sunbury, where he is associated with Lodge No. 22.

SAMUEL GOSSLER GEARHART, son of Maclay Cool and Rosanna (Gossler) Gearhart, was born July 13, 1857, in Sunbury, and obtained his early education in the public schools of that borough. He later had a term at what was then Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. Assisting his father from boyhood, he learned the candy business, both the work in the factory and the work in the store. When about eighteen years old he was employed one year in a planing mill at Lock Haven, Pa., as an apprentice, to learn bench carpentering. On June 26, 1876, he began to learn telegraphy, entering the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator Aug. 1, 1877, since which time he has been engaged continuously on the Sunbury and Shamokin divisions of that company. On March 14, 1883, he was promoted to train dispatcher, and to Division operator and assistant trainmaster May 1, 1891. He holds this position at the present time, having now over two hundred

men under his supervision. Mr. Gearhart is one of the oldest men, in point of service, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On June 18, 1879, Mr. Gearhart married Emma Lucia Schoch, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Bright) Schoch, of Selinsgrove, Pa., and they have a family of two sons and two daughters: Bessie S. married Prof. George L. Swank, a graduate of Harvard University and now superintendent of public schools at Elysburg, Pa.; Heber Gossler, a graduate of State College, Pennsylvania, is a civil engineer, and at present engaged as assistant superintendent of construction with the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Margaret A. is living at home; Samuel G., Jr., a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, is an electrical engineer in the employ of the General Electric Company, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Gearhart are members of Zion's Lutheran Church, Sunbury, and Mr. Gearhart has long been active in church work. He has served a number of years as a member of the church council, and as secretary of the council; was for a number of years financial secretary of the church, and was secretary and librarian of the Sunday school. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church from boyhood, and Mrs. Gearhart's family have all been connected with that church. Mr. Gearhart has taken special interest in the welfare of the Y. M. C. A., and is now serving his fourth year as president of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. at Sunbury; for the past three years he has filled the position of chairman of the district committee Y. M. C. A. work of the State of Pennsylvania.

In 1887 Mr. Gearhart was made a Mason in Lodge No. 22, Sunbury—entered March 9, passed April 8, raised July 5. On account of his aptness in learning the work he was elected to fill the high offices of his lodge, serving as junior warden in 1889, as senior warden in 1890 and as worshipful master in 1891. On Nov. 26, 1889, he exemplified the first degree in Freemasonry in Lodge No. 22 at a visitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, over three hundred brothers and visiting brothers being present. At the time Mr. Gearhart was serving in the chairs the work of conferring the degrees had been done for a number of years by Past Master Jacob R. Cressinger, and Mr. Gearhart decided to do his own work. Accordingly he learned the work from Mr. Cressinger, and the first night he sat as worshipful master, Jan. 24, 1891, he raised two candidates. During his term of office he entered eight, passed two and raised seven candidates.

William Gearhart, brother of Capt. Jacob Gearhart, was born in Strasburg, Germany, and came to America in 1754. He settled in Hunterdon coun-





ly, N. J. When the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted in the Hunterdon county militia and was promoted to ensign. After the war, about 1790, he came to Northumberland county, Pa., and purchased a large tract of land to the southeast of Capt. Jacob Gearhart's tract, settling in Rush township. In New Jersey he married Eleanor DeKnight, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters, as follows: William, Aaron, Tobias, Jacob, Elizabeth (Mrs. Amens), Ann (Mrs. Amens), and Mary (Mrs. Lamberson).

William Gearhart, son of William, was born in New Jersey, married Sarah Boone, and had children as follows: Maybury, born in 1813; Harriet, 1815 (married Lewis Yetter); Juliann, 1818 (married Samuel Darder); Eleanor, 1819 (married David Clark); Amelia, 1821 (married G. M. Shoop).

**JOHN D. HILBUSH**, one of the active and energetic business men of Shamokin, comes of the sturdy German stock that has given Pennsylvania so many of her most useful citizens.

The name, originally Hallobush (or Hallowbush), is spelled in many ways—Hilbush, Hillbush, Hillibish, Hilbish and Hallerbush. Christian Hallowbush (Hallobush), the emigrant ancestor of John D. Hilbush, was born in 1718 in the German Palatinate, and came to America in 1724 with his brother Peter and widowed mother. They landed at Philadelphia, locating shortly after in Salford township, Montgomery county. Peter Hallowbush was born in 1709, and died in 1768, leaving five children, Catharine, Johst, Magdalena, Margaret and Ann Maria. Christian Hallowbush died in Montgomery county in 1778, the father of four children, Magdalena, Henry, Adam and Peter.

Daniel Hilbush, Sr., evidently a grandson of Christian, was the great-grandfather of John D. Hilbush. He was born Sept. 27, 1779, in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., and moved from his native county in about 1800. In 1820 he purchased a farm of 300 acres in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, upon which he settled that same year, passing the remainder of his life on that property, where he died March 11, 1862. He was a stonemason by trade, and followed that calling in connection with farming, and he was a man who bore an active part in the affairs of his community. In 1823 he was commissioned justice of the peace, and served as such continuously until 1860; the office was out of the family only five years, however, his grandson, Jacob R., having been elected in 1865. In 1833, when the bridge across Greenbrier creek was constructed, Daniel Hilbush, Sr., was served as commissioner of Northumberland county. He was one of the military officers of the county, being a captain, and his company was second on the list to be called out in the war of 1812 if needed. He mar-

ried Elizabeth Folk, of Berks county, born March 3, 1781, died Nov. 20, 1869, and to them were born ten children: Polly, Jacob, Henry, Daniel, Jr., Betzy, Joshua and Jesse (twins), Rachel, Joseph de Y. and Hettie.

Daniel Hilbush, Jr., son of Daniel, Sr., was born Dec. 20, 1807, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Washington township in his young manhood. He was a plasterer by trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming. He lived in Washington township until 1865, when he came to Jackson township, farming there until his retirement. He died in Jackson township March 17, 1897, in his ninetieth year. Mr. Hilbush married Nancy Romberger, daughter of Adam, of Lykens township, Dauphin county. She died in 1891, in her eightieth year. They are buried at Mahanoy Church in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Hilbush had children as follows: Jacob R., of Mahanoy, Jackson township; Henry Adam; and Elias R., of Mahanoy, Pa., who owns the homestead in Jackson township. Daniel Hilbush, Jr., was an active member of the Reformed Church at Mahanoy, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and he was also interested in the affairs of his township, serving two terms as overseer of the poor.

Henry Adam Hilbush, son of Daniel and Nancy, died in 1908. He learned the plasterer's trade, and this he followed in Little Mahanoy township, together with farming. He spent about five years at farming in old Virginia, and then came to Shamokin, where he lived retired until his death. He married Elizabeth Dillfield, of Dauphin county, Pa., born April 25, 1843, died May 10, 1907, and their children were: James, Clara, John D., Amanda, Abbie, Isaac, Daniel (deceased), Thama and Herbert.

John D. Hilbush attended the public schools of Little Mahanoy township, and worked on the farm until he attained his majority. He then came to Shamokin and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1903 he formed a partnership with A. P. Rutz, and in 1905 became treasurer of the East End Lumber Company, also holding the position of outside foreman for the company. He has other business interests, being a director of the Shamokin and Mount Carmel Department Store Company, and of the Shamokin Department Store Company, the latter being located at No. 5 Market street, Shamokin. He is an active member of the Merchants Association.

Mr. Hilbush was united in marriage to Ida Raper, daughter of Conrad C. and Susan (Dornseif) Raper, and to this union were born three children, Edward O., Susan E. and Reuben H., the last named dying when four years old. Mr. Hilbush has long been an active member of the Evangelical Church, in which he has served as class leader and trustee. In every position in which he has been placed, he has been conscien-



tious and painstaking, and he has the respect of all who know him.

JACOB R. HILBUSH, son of Daniel and Nancy, was born March 14, 1835, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, and was but an infant when his parents settled in what is now Washington township, Northumberland county. Here he was reared on the farm, and commenced to learn his father's trade, that of plasterer, when eight days less than fourteen years old. He continued to follow it, off and on, until he reached the age of twenty-five. His educational advantages in his boyhood were only such as the old subscription schools afforded, and he gained most of his scholastic training after he was twenty-one years old, in the Freeburg Academy. But he improved his time there so well that he became competent to teach, and was thus engaged from 1858 to 1861, in Freeburg. His salary the first term was but eighteen dollars, and his compensation was increased two dollars a month each term; he taught in all nine terms. Since twenty-eight years old he has followed surveying, being the only surveyor in his section of the county. In 1865 Mr. Hilbush came to his present home, the lot adjoining his father's old farm of 130 acres, which his brother Elias R. now owns. His home is pleasant and comfortable.

In 1865, as previously stated, Mr. Hilbush was elected a justice of the peace, and with the exception of two terms has served in that office ever since, holding a commission from Governor Curtin down to the present date. In this connection he has been a very busy man, having made over sixteen hundred deeds and mortgages since entering upon his duties, and he is a well known and popular citizen. Mr. Hilbush has been active in promoting the interests of the Democratic party for many years, having served as delegate to several county conventions.

In 1867 Mr. Hilbush married Amanda Zartman, daughter of John and Mary (Seiler) Zartman, and they have had three children, all daughters: Annie, who died in her seventeenth year; Mary and Lydia, both of whom are unmarried and live at home. All the family are members of the Reformed Church.

EDWIN S. HILBUSH, a farmer of Jackson township, near Otto Station, was born Aug. 15, 1866, son of Elias R. and Harriet (Seiler) Hilbush, of Jackson township, and grandson of Daniel Hilbush, Jr. He was educated in the common schools of the township and reared to farm life, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. He was in the employ of the National Transit Company for fifteen years as fireman, being at the Latsha station fourteen years and at State Line, Bradford county. In the spring of 1892 he commenced farming on the place where

he still lives, a farm of 196 acres which he purchased in 1890, and which was formerly the Daniel Zartman place, having been in the Zartman name for one hundred years. It was the old homestead of Daniel Zartman, who built the brick house now standing on the property in 1853. Zartman's U. E. Church, which stands on this farm, was built in 1854. Mr. Hilbush is a most progressive farmer, and he has not only been an intelligent business man but a wide-awake citizen, one who has served the community well. He was school director of the township for six years and township treasurer for two years. He has long been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and served two years as county committeeman. He has likewise been diligent in church work, having been deacon four years and at present a trustee of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he and his family unite with the Reformed congregation. Socially he is a member of Mahanoy Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F.

On Oct. 6, 1894, Mr. Hilbush married Mary A. Otto, daughter of Washington Otto, and they have had three children: Robert W., Harry A. and Harriet L.

DRUMHELLER. The branch of the Drumheller family here under consideration has representatives in various parts of Northumberland county, Oliver R. Drumheller, proprietor of the "Aldine Hotel," at Sunbury, being a well known business man of that borough; Emanuel C. Drumheller is a prosperous farmer in Lower Augusta township; Albert Z. Drumheller, late of Mahanoy, was a lifelong resident of Jackson township and for many years the leading undertaker in his district.

Members of the Drumheller family came to America in the early days of this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Archives (Vol. XVII, page 447) showing that J. Leonhart Drumheller arrived Oct. 26, 1754, on the brigantine "Mary and Sarah." That they were for a number of years settled in Berks county is shown by the Federal Census Report of 1790, which records the names of John and Nicholas Drumheller, of Earl township, that county; John had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and one daughter; Nicholas had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and three daughters. Rev. C. R. Drumheller, of this stock, served as Lutheran pastor of the Stone Valley Union Church in Northumberland county, 1883-84; and of the Vera Cruz Union Church, in Dauphin county, 1883-84.

The name was well represented among the Colonial sympathizers during the Revolutionary war. In the Pennsylvania Archives (5th Series, Vol. IV) we find (page 318) that George Drumheller belonged to the Continental Line, serving as a private in the Northampton county militia during





that war, and that George Drumheller later was a Revolutionary soldier from Northampton county (page 649); that Jacob Drumheller was a soldier in the Continental Line from Berks county (page 212); and that Jacob Drumheller was a private in Capt. John Reese's company (which formed a part of the 2d Pennsylvania Battalion), commissioned from Jan. 3, 1776, to Nov. 25, 1776.

Johann Nicholas Drumheller, great-grandfather of Albert Z., Emanuel C. and Oliver R. Drumheller, was born March 14, 1750, in Odenwald, Germany, came to America with his brother, and settled in Berks county, Pa. He married (first) Margaret Fischer, of that county, by whom he had two children, John and Nicholas, and after her death he married her sister, Catharine, in 1776. They had a family of eleven children: David, Margaret, Catharine, Abraham, Susanna (married a Hoffman), Philip, Anna Elizabeth, Daniel, Martin, Elizabeth and Nicholas (born Dec. 19, 1801, died Aug. 13, 1854, whose first wife was Elizabeth Hetrich, born March 29, 1808, died Nov. 24, 1873). Johann Nicholas Drumheller died in Upper Mahanoy in March, 1825, aged seventy-five years; his wife Catharine, born June 14, 1759, died Dec. 18, 1832, and both are buried at Himmel's Church.

Abraham Drumheller, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Sept. 25, 1789, and died in 1850, at the age of sixty-one. He was a native of Washington township, this county, but lived for a number of years in Little Mahanoy township, where he was among the taxables in 1814, and after the death of his wife he returned to Washington township to make his home with his brother Martin, dying there. He is buried at Himmel's Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Seitz, died a few years before Mr. Drumheller. They had five children: Elizabeth married John Sweinhart; Isaac is mentioned below; Nicholas S. is mentioned below; Sarah married Abraham Dreibelbis, and they moved out to Brookville, Ill., where they died (their children were Adam, Eve and another daughter, the daughters being married to brothers by the name of Groh); Jesse, of Pottsville, Pa., married Amelia Martz, and they have two sons and one daughter.

Isaac Drumheller, son of Abraham, was born in the vicinity of Mahanoy, and lived in the vicinity of St. Peter's Church in Lower Augusta township until his declining years, when he bought the property at Augustaville which he occupied until his death. He owned the tract of fifty-seven acres now the property of his son Emanuel and besides farming followed his trade of blacksmith. During the Civil war Mr. Drumheller served as a member of Company F, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia. His death occurred at Augustaville, in Lower Augusta township, Jan. 23,

1895, when he was aged seventy-five years, eleven months, one day, and he is buried at the new Lutheran (St. Peter's) Church at Asherton, in Lower Augusta township, of which he was a member. He was a Democrat in politics and served his township as supervisor. Mr. Drumheller married Mary Conrad, daughter of John D. and Lydia Conrad, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Sept. 3, 1888, aged sixty-three years, ten months, three days. Six children were born to them, namely: Malinda married J. H. Inkrote, of Selinsgrove Junction, Pa.; Emanuel C. is mentioned below; Samuel, who lives in Lower Augusta township, served as a Union soldier during the Civil war; Hiram C. is mentioned below; Jemima married George Zimmerman, of Shamokin, Pa.; Mary L. married Oliver Hawk, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

EMANUEL C. DRUMHELLER, son of Isaac, was born March 19, 1846, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was trained to agricultural work from early boyhood, working for his parents until he reached his majority, after which he was engaged at work on the Northern Central railroad for ten years. On Sept. 13, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, 210th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year, but served only nine months, when he was discharged by reason of the close of the war. After leaving the railroad work Mr. Drumheller began burning lime, a business which he continued for three years, burning between four thousand and five thousand bushels annually. In 1896 he purchased his father's homestead, a tract of over fifty acres which he has since cultivated. He lives upon the Samuel Conrad homestead, a tract of four acres which Mrs. Drumheller inherited, and has erected all the buildings on that property, including the residence, which he put up in 1870.

Mr. Drumheller has taken considerable part in the administration of local public affairs, having served as constable of the township for twelve successive years, supervisor one year, justice of the peace for five years, and tax collector. He is a Democrat in political affiliation and stands favorably with his party.

In 1870 Mr. Drumheller married Sydney N. Conrad, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Kauffman) Conrad, of Lower Augusta township, and they have a family of five children, namely: Palmer F., who conducts his father's farm; George A., of Ashland, Pa.; Anson B., of Sunbury, Pa.; Mamie E. and Emma V., both of whom are at home.

HIRAM C. DRUMHELLER was born May 28, 1853, in Lower Augusta township, and received his education in the common schools. During his young manhood he filled teachers' places a number of times, but never cared to teach regularly. When





seventeen years old he began to learn the plasterer's trade with Milton Drumbheller, a distant kinsman; and has continued to follow that vocation ever since, not only in his own district but also in Sunbury, Shamokin, Trevorton and other cities and towns of this section: for two years he worked in West Virginia. He owns a farm of forty acres in Lower Augusta township formerly the property of one Gross, and which was once part of the old Daniel Kauffman tract. Mr. Drumbheller is at present serving as school director of the township. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, but votes independently.

Mr. Drumbheller married Susan Hollenback, daughter of Daniel Hollenbach and granddaughter of Michael Hollenbach, the pioneer. They have had a family of nine children: Lulu Mabel married Ralph Snyder and they live at Limestone, Pa.; Hiram Herman married Abia Reitz and they live near Selinsgrove Junction; a son died in infancy; Emery L. married Dora Herner and they live near Selinsgrove Junction; Frederick married Jennie Wirt and they live at Sunbury; Bertha died of typhoid fever in Virginia, where she was employed as an exchange girl; Olive E. married James Riland and they live at Limestone, Pa.; Frank and Eva live with their parents. Mr. Drumbheller and his family are members of the new Lutheran (St. Peter's) Church in Lower Augusta township, which he has served in various official positions.

Nicholas S. Drumbheller, son of Abraham, was born in Northumberland county May 25, 1821, and died Sept. 24, 1896, aged seventy-five years, three months, twenty-nine days. He is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church. He led an active and useful life. In his earlier years he followed shoemaking, making many shoes by hand, and later became a farmer, owning sixty-nine acres of land which he cultivated with characteristic thrift. His home was in Jackson township, on the south side of Mahanoy mountain, and he was active in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and for many years as supervisor of the township. In political connection he was a Republican, and during the Civil war he was an ardent Union man, serving as a soldier in that struggle.

Mr. Drumbheller was twice married, his first wife, Rebecca Zartman, daughter of Jacob Zartman, dying June 15, 1853, at the age of thirty years, three months, one day, the mother of six children, viz.: William Z., born in 1842, who died Nov. 17, 1876, and is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church; Harriet, who married (first) Samuel Kulp and (second) Anthony Culton; Henry Z., born in 1847, who died Jan. 10, 1882, aged thirty-four years, six months, twelve days, and is buried at Zartman's Church; Sarah, who died aged three years; Albert Z.; and Isaac Jacob, a teamster,

of Green Ridge, Northumberland county. Mr. Drumbheller's second marriage was to Abigail Kembel, by whom he also had six children: Mary married Samuel Wernitz, of Shamokin; Lydia married Frank W. Shipe, of Herndon; Ellen married W. P. Boyer, of Lower Mahanoy; Wilson K., born Oct. 13, 1860, died April 8, 1879, aged eighteen years, five months, twenty-five days, and is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church; Alice married William E. Zartman, of Jackson township; John Packer, born in 1872, died Oct. 23, 1875, aged three years, fifteen days, and is buried at Zartman's Church.

ALBERT Z. DRUMHELLER was born Dec. 24, 1850, in Jackson township, and received his education in the subscription schools there, which were in vogue before the establishment of the free schools. He was trained to farm life, working upon the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he learned cabinetmaking at Pillow, Dauphin county. After following that trade several years as a journeyman he established himself in business at Mahanoy in 1875, following cabinetmaking and undertaking at that location until his recent death—for a period of thirty-five years. For years after beginning the business he made coffins by hand, and continued to make a specialty of undertaking, in which line he became the leader in his section, having handled nearly five hundred funerals. In his earlier years at Mahanoy he made considerable furniture by hand, and in the course of his long business career gave employment to a number of men. His death, which occurred April 15, 1910, was quite unexpected, and was caused by a carbuncle. It took away one of the most substantial and respected citizens of the town. He was serving as auditor at the time of his decease, and had been previously elected assessor of Jackson township, though he was a Republican in a Democratic district.

In December, 1873, Mr. Drumbheller married Mary Jane Gellinger, daughter of Daniel Gellinger, who died Nov. 17, 1909. Three children were born to this union: Charles H., who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa; John, who died when six and a half years old; and Edward A., who died Dec. 1, 1910. The family home is on the street between Herndon and Mahanoy, a quarter of a mile from the latter place. Mr. Drumbheller belonged to the Reformed Church at Mahanoy, as did his family.

Martin Drumbheller, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Nov. 6, 1795, and died Dec. 5, 1852. He lived in Washington township, where he engaged in farming, and in his day was also a popular auctioneer, crying most of the sales held in that section in his time. His wife, Elizabeth Frey, born Aug. 11, 1797, died Oct. 29, 1852. They had children as follows: Levi, Adam, Sen-



erius (who settled out West), Mrs. Hetrich, Mrs. Heim (whose husband was a cabinetmaker) and Edward T.

Edward T. Drumbheller, son of Martin, was born Oct. 22, 1830, in the Swabian creek valley in Washington township, and lived in that township until 1861, when he moved to Sunbury. There he was engaged as a hotel-keeper during the remainder of his active years, though he was a tailor by trade. His first venture was as proprietor of the "Susquehanna Hotel," at the corner of Fourth and Penn streets. In 1871 he built the "City Hotel," which he completed and opened in January, 1872, conducting it until his retirement, when he was succeeded by his son Oliver R. Drumbheller and son-in-law T. H. Hutchinson. He continued to reside at the hotel, however, until his death, which occurred there March 4, 1893. He married Mary Elizabeth Hoffman, who was born Aug. 26, 1833, daughter of William Hoffman, of Washington township, and died Feb. 10, 1905. They are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, where their resting place is marked by a large granite monument. Five children were born to their union: Oliver R.; Ella M., wife of T. H. Hutchinson; Seran C., who died unmarried March 29, 1892, aged thirty-four years, three months, eight days; Dr. Francis E., of Sunbury; and Harvey M., who died unmarried June 27, 1901, aged thirty-three years, eight months, four days. Mr. Drumbheller was one of the most able, all-around hotel men Sunbury has ever known and prospered so well in the business that he enjoyed a substantial position at the time of his death. The "City Hotel," which he built, is to this day one of the most up-to-date hostleries in Sunbury.

OLIVER R. DRUMBHELLER, present proprietor of the "Aldine Hotel" in Sunbury, was born Jan. 21, 1855, in Jordan township, this county. He lived there until his parents settled in Sunbury in 1861, and this has been his home for the most part ever since. He received his education in the common schools and literally grew up in the hotel business, the details of which have been familiar to him from early boyhood. In 1882 he engaged in that business on his own account at the "City Hotel," which he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Hutchinson, conducted in partnership for five years, at the end of which time the latter retired. Mr. Drumbheller and his brother Seran C. then conducted it for five years, after which a younger brother, Harvey M. Drumbheller, carried it on for a few years. It has since been operated by Dr. Francis E. Drumbheller, of Sunbury. For eight years, from 1893 to 1902, Oliver R. Drumbheller conducted the well known "Windsor Hotel" at Shamokin, this county, and he was subsequently in Danville for four years, there operating what was then known as the "Oliver House" (now the "City Hotel"). In May, 1906, he came from

Danville to Sunbury to assume charge of the "Aldine Hotel," which he had purchased. It is a modern, up-to-date house, with forty guest rooms, located near the Pennsylvania railroad station, and under the present management is considered one of the leading hotels of central Pennsylvania. Guests are accommodated upon either the European or the American plan, Mr. Drumbheller having a first-class restaurant in connection with the hotel. His wide experience, his natural adaptability for the business and his courteous treatment of his patrons, merit the success which has been his portion. His son, Dr. W. E. Drumbheller, has been associated with him, under the firm name of O. R. Drumbheller & Son, since he took charge of the "Aldine Hotel." Mr. Drumbheller is naturally well known in his business relations, but he has a wide acquaintance outside of such associations, and is esteemed as a reliable and valuable citizen in his community. His substantial worth is attested by all who know him. Mr. Drumbheller has traveled considerably, and he has attended many conventions of the B. P. O. Elks, to which fraternity he belongs.

On Christmas Day, 1878, Mr. Drumbheller married Elizabeth I. Shultz, daughter of Dr. B. F. Shultz, of Danville, Pa. They have had one son and one daughter, Walter E. and Mary E. The daughter lives with her parents. Walter E. Drumbheller graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania and practiced at Berwick, Pa., and Philadelphia. He is active in the fraternities as a Mason, a member of the Elks and of the Knights of Malta. He married Grace McAnall.

D. ROSSWELL ROTHROCK, M. D., has been a resident of the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, for twelve years and more, but though not one of its older citizens is well known, having during his long residence in the town of New Berlin, Union county, not many miles distant from his present home, made a reputation which preceded him hither. He owns a fine farm in Montour and Union counties, also the cottage home he lives in, located at No. 40 Centre street.

Dr. Rothrock was born Dec. 28, 1861, at New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Pa., and is the third generation of his line to follow the medical profession, being a son of Dr. Rosswell Rothrock and a grandson of Dr. Isaac Rothrock. Joseph Rothrock, his great-grandfather, was born in what is now Lebanon county, Pa., of German parentage. In early manhood he removed to Mifflin county and settled near Lewistown, where he followed farming. He was well known among the early pioneers and was a bishop in the German Baptist Church. In politics he was a Whig. His first wife, Nancy, was the mother of all his children, and for his second wife he married a Miss Sell.





The children, eight in number, were: John, Abraham, Isaac, Lizzie, who married Jonathan Amich, Nancy (Mrs. Price), Mary (Mrs. Hannavalt), Mrs. Jacob Mohler and Mrs. Daniel Bashore.

Dr. Isaac Rothrock, son of Joseph, was born Nov. 22, 1798, at the old homestead near Lewistown. He was a student from early youth, mathematics and grammar being his favorite studies, and he retained his fondness for such pursuits to his old age, enjoying the solution of a difficult problem to the end of his days. He began his medical studies with Dr. Ezra Doty, of Mifflin, Juniata county, and continued them with Dr. Thomas Van Valzah, of Lewisburg, later attending three regular courses of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and although he did not graduate he was afterward given a complimentary diploma by the Eclectic Medical College, Philadelphia. He began practice in Middleburg with Dr. Henry Lechner, but afterward moved to Mifflintown and then to Adamsburg, where he purchased property, making his home there until 1864. His medical practice took him over a large territory, and he continued in it for fifty-one years, spending his last years, however, in retirement at Adamsburg, in the enjoyment of his books, living there after 1864 until he died. Though so busy with his professional duties, he was not too busy to be a useful man in local public affairs, and he served his community in a number of offices, including that of school director, also representing his district, composed of Lycoming, Union and Snyder counties, in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1866. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Like his father he was a devout member of the German Baptist Church. He died June 8, 1872.

Dr. Rothrock was married four times. His first wife, whose maiden name was Snyder, was a niece of Governor Snyder. She died soon after marriage, and the only child of this union died in infancy. His second marriage was to Susan Swenk, a native of Middleburg, daughter of David Swenk, a well known justice of the peace. She died in June, 1852, the mother of children as follows: Rosswell is mentioned below; Mary A., born Dec. 28, 1832, married David Heckendorn, the first superintendent of public schools of Union and Snyder counties, and (second) Philip Derr, of Philadelphia, who is also deceased; Isaac S., born May 22, 1835, graduated in dentistry in Chicago and Philadelphia, and now resides in Bannerville, Pa. (he has been an invalid for over forty years from spinal trouble, which also affected his eyes); Harriet C., born May 11, 1837, is the widow of James Herlacher, of Haven, Kans.; David C., born May 3, 1842, is a dentist in McClure, Pa.; Allen E., born Feb. 13, 1851, is a tanner in Lewistown. For his third wife Dr. Roth-

rock married Mrs. Lydia (Bowersox) Leonard, who died in February, 1857, leaving one daughter, Adda L., who was born Sept. 20, 1854, and married R. R. Long, of Gettysburg, Pa. To his fourth marriage, with Angelina Wallace, a native of Mifflintown, no children were born. She died March 29, 1879, and is interred at Adamsburg. She was an earnest Christian and a devoted Sabbath school worker.

Rosswell Rothrock, M. D., son of Dr. Isaac, was born Oct. 14, 1831, at Adamsburg, where he was reared and received the advantages afforded by the common schools. He taught a few terms in a public school in the vicinity of Adamsburg, meantime also reading medicine, until ready to enter Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1851, when barely twenty years old. He was in active practice from that time until his death, which occurred March 1, 1897, at which time he was the oldest practitioner in Snyder county. His first location was at Adamsburg, where he remained until 1853, that year moving to Millville, Clarion county, where he was located until 1855. He was then at Beavertown, Snyder county, for a time, in 1860 moving to New Bethlehem, Clarion county. He served over three years during the Civil war. On Aug. 29, 1861, he became surgeon of Company C, 78th P. V. I., was sent to the front, was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and with eleven others of his regiment marched across Lookout Mountain to Ringgold, where they boarded a train for Richmond. After a month in Libby prison the Doctor and 125 others were marched away in the night and placed on Belle Isle or "Devil's Den," where he was held until Feb. 22, 1862. Again at night they were taken to the Pemberton buildings, where they were placed aboard a train for Andersonville, where they found thirty-five thousand other prisoners with whom they endured all the horrors of that place until Sept. 5th. That date the Doctor was sent with a body of two thousand prisoners to Savannah. Six weeks later he had orders from the Confederate authorities to gather up all the men who could stand transportation and board a train for an unknown destination, which proved to be Millen, Ga., where a new stockade had been built. Shortly afterward came the welcome news that ten thousand prisoners would be exchanged, and the Doctor was one of the first six hundred to be sent north, the journey being made via Annapolis, Md. He rejoined his family, who were then residing at Clarion, Pa., and on Nov. 27, 1864, received an honorable discharge from the service.

In 1866 Dr. Rothrock located at Bannerville, Snyder county, and in the spring of 1879 established himself in practice at Middleburg, as the place afforded better educational advantages for his children. In 1884 he made a permanent home





at McClure, Pa., where he lived to the end of his life, practicing until his last sickness interrupted his work. As a physician, as a citizen, as a man, there were few who equalled Dr. Rothrock. He was the ideal general practitioner, not merely a prescriber of medicines, but a friend, adviser and comforter in every sense of the word, treating all his patients with exactly the same care, which was the best he could give. When necessary he was nurse as well as physician, never considering his own health in his devotion to the welfare of others, but he had his reward in the affectionate esteem manifested wherever he went. Though a busy man he had been active in the work of the G. A. R., and devoted to the interests of Capt. M. Smith Post, No. 355, which he served one year as commander and ten years as surgeon. At his request the Post took charge of his funeral (which took place at McClure) with the assistance of the I. O. O. F., to which he belonged as a member of McClure Lodge, No. 770, in which he was right supporter to the vice grand in 1896. Though not active in politics he was an ardent Republican in sentiment, but he was prominent in religious work as a member of Christ Evangelical Church at McClure, for a number of years before his death.

On Aug. 4, 1853, Dr. Rothrock married at New Bethlehem, Pa., Catherine Mohney, who still continues to make her home at McClure. She was born at New Bethlehem April 23, 1835, and there spent her early life, and is in the best of health though seventy-six years old. Her parents, Frederick and Mary (Caster) Mohney, were born in Northampton county, Pa., of Dutch ancestry. He died at the age of fifty-seven, of appendicitis, and she died aged eighty-four years. They are buried in Oak Ridge cemetery, in Clarion county. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Mohney was a farmer. Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock had five children, namely: Marand, a practicing physician at Fremont, Pa.; James B., a plasterer and extensive contractor of Lewistown, Pa.; Clara, married to Edward Knapp, who has been a carpenter on the Lewisburg & Sunbury railroad for years, living at Lewistown; Mary E., wife of Charles Decker, a farmer of McClure, Pa.; and D. Rosswell.

D. Rosswell Rothrock was four years old when his parents moved to Bannerville, Pa., where he spent his youth. He attended public school five months in the year, and being an independent boy earned enough to clothe himself from the time he was thirteen years old. On April 3, 1879, the family moved to Middleburg, and on April 8th he and his brother James B. moved to the vicinity of Elkhart, Ind., where he was employed during the summer on a dairy farm, receiving from twelve to fifteen dollars a month. In October, 1879, in accordance with his father's wishes,

he returned home to attend school during the winter, and in the fall of 1880 he was licensed to teach. Meantime, during the summer of 1880, he had attended the Selinsgrove Normal Institute, conducted by Prof. William Noetling, county superintendent, and the following winter had a school in Franklin township, Snyder county, receiving twenty dollars a month. In 1881 he took a course in the academy at Freeburg, and the following winter taught the Winfield school in Hartley township, Union county, receiving thirty-five dollars a month. In 1882 he again studied in the academy at Freeburg, where he taught a primary school the same year, meantime working during the summer season at any work that would bring him funds to continue his studies. In the spring of 1882 he passed the examination before the Snyder county board of medical examiners, securing a certificate of competency to read medicine, and he then gave all his leisure to the reading of medicine under his father's guidance, continuing to teach school in order to pay his way. The winter of 1882-83 he taught the first term of school held at the new brick schoolhouse in Franklin township, north of Middleburg, and in the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md. Returning home in March, 1884, he spent that summer in the harvest field and at other work, continuing also his medical studies, and as his father removed to McClure that year he also practiced for a short time with him, under his preceptorship. In the fall of 1884 he entered the Baltimore University School of Medicine, from which he was graduated the following year with highest honors, winning a gold medal for proficiency. By that time his supply of money was so low that he had to sell some textbooks to pay his fare to Selinsgrove Junction, and he was rowed across the Susquehanna to Selinsgrove early one morning before daylight, arriving penniless at five o'clock. With his diploma and his gold medal, but nothing with which to buy breakfast, he set out over the snow for Fremont, ten miles distant, and there his brother, Dr. Marand Rothrock, gave him money enough to take him home; but he decided not to spend it, and continued his journey, another twenty-two miles, on foot.

When he located for practice at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, on April 2, 1885, he had but thirty-one cents in cash. But he purchased a stock of drugs, a horse and some needful things for a doctor's office on a year's time, from Dr. John B. Ollig, and started on a career which has since been one of steady success. Within a short time he had established a paying practice. His brother Marand having met with an accident, he went to Fremont Oct. 10, 1886, to take charge of his large practice, remaining there until Feb. 14th following, when he established an office at



New Berlin, at which place he practiced for over twelve years. In 1888 he opened a large drug store there, conducting same in connection with his practice. According to an Act of the State Legislature relating to pharmacists, he had to take an examination before the State Pharmaceutical Board in the Senate Chamber at Harrisburg, which he did April 11, 1888, passing and receiving his diploma as registered pharmacist. He owned a home and business block in New Berlin, and five acres of land near the town, which he improved materially after it came into his possession.

The Doctor's enterprise and energetic nature have led him into various fields which have proved as much of a benefit to others as to himself. In September, 1897, with a view to providing congenial employment to the young people of the town, he and Prof. A. M. Wonder rented a building, bought and installed knitting machinery and equipped the plant completely for the manufacture of men's hose. The idea was so novel to the community that people came for miles to see a stocking knit by machinery. In six weeks from the time the factory started the output had reached sixty dozen pairs per day and employment was afforded to thirty-two people, a condition which meant much to the prosperity of the town.

On Oct. 30, 1899, Dr. Rothrock moved to Northumberland county, where he has since made his home in the borough of Milton. He purchased a fine farm in Montour county, upon which he has made numerous improvements during his ownership, and he has proved as desirable a citizen in this community as in the other localities with which he has been identified.

On June 16, 1885, Dr. Rothrock married at Centerville, Snyder county, Ella Walter, a native of Limestone township, Union county, born Feb. 3, 1863, second in the family of four daughters born to Valentine and Susannah (Shaffer) Walter, the former a well-to-do retired merchant. Mrs. Rothrock was reared in Centerville, her parents moving to Snyder county when she was a child. She taught school seven terms before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock have had two children: Walter R., born Jan. 8, 1887; and Helen Katherine, born Aug. 4, 1894.

Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock are Lutherans, and while at New Berlin were active members of the church there, the Doctor serving as deacon and treasurer. He has always been interested in the fortunes of the Republican party, and he took quite an active part in public affairs at New Berlin. He was elected chief burgess of that place before he had resided there a year and also served as school director and as treasurer of the school board. Socially he was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at New Berlin, in which he filled all the important chairs, and in 1895 he was elected dis-

trict deputy of Union county, in May, 1897, going as representative to the Grand Lodge, which convened at Altoona, Pa. Since coming to Milton he has become a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society. In June, 1892, the faculty of Freeburg Academy (which had just been chartered) presented him a diploma such as that institution has always given to those among its students who enter the learned professions.

EDWARD B. ZIMMERMAN, of Shamokin, manager of the Shamokin Wagon Works, was born in that borough Sept. 18, 1876, son of John B. Zimmerman, and a descendant of a family which has long been identified with the place and for several generations with the same or similar business interests. Some account of the earlier Zimmermans will be of interest in this connection.

The first of this family to settle in Northumberland county was John Zimmerman, a native of Berks county, Pa., who was the great-great-grandfather of Edward B. Zimmerman. He purchased two hundred acres of land in Augusta township, where he lived and died. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mahrberger, were married in Berks county, and they had a family of five sons and two daughters.

George H. Zimmerman, son of John, was born in Berks county. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812. He learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he was engaged for many years in Sunbury, Northumberland county, becoming well known in that line. He married Mary Hall, and they had six children: Jeremiah H., Rachel (deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Seiler), Lucy (deceased), Mary (who married Solomon Stroh), Elizabeth (who married Jesse McClow, of Shamokin) and Emily (deceased, who married Thomas M. Purcell).

Jeremiah H. Zimmerman, son of George H. and Mary (Hall) Zimmerman, was born Jan. 5, 1820, in Berks county, Pa., and was brought to Northumberland county by his parents when seven years old. The public schools, or schools of any kind, in his day, did not offer the advantages enjoyed by the youth of the present generation, and his opportunities were limited to three months' attendance. But if he had little training of that kind he had ample experience of the practical kind from his earliest boyhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he was engaged in the business for many years, at Sunbury. He continued at that work until elected justice of the peace, for Sunbury, which office he filled two years. Moving thence to the borough of Northumberland, he filled the position of collector for the Pennsylvania canal (management of which was then under State control), having been appointed to that incumbency, in which he served





three years, until 1856. Meantime, in 1855, he had engaged in business with J. P. Purcell, under the firm name of Zimmerman & Purcell, miners and shippers of coal, at Shamokin, but after a brief career of success the company met with reverses, failing in 1856. That year Mr. Zimmerman was elected to the State Legislature, in which he served two terms, and on his return to private life he entered the employ of Stroh & Elliott, as superintendent of their coal business. He was also engaged by various firms as bookkeeper, filling positions of trust with Haas & Fagely and John Dewees & Brother, in 1864 locating permanently at Shamokin, where in 1869 he established the business later conducted by his son, John B. Zimmerman, manufacturing wagons and carriages and dealing in harness. In 1877 he established the livery business which he carried on until his death, in 1893. He was president of a Shamokin banking concern.

Mr. Zimmerman's career was a forceful example of what a man may accomplish by application and well directed energy. Though he had no advantages of means or education to aid him in his early struggles his intelligence and ambition carried him over many hard places and won him a substantial position, not only as one who succeeded well in his private undertakings but who received unusual marks of confidence at the hands of his fellow citizens in the way of public honors. In 1870 he was elected chief burgess, and twice afterward was called to that office, in 1876 and again in 1884, serving from 1884 to 1886. He was a lifelong Democrat and ever active in promoting the interests of his party, in which he was a leader in his section. At the time of Lee's raid into Pennsylvania he joined Captain Bruner's Company at Sunbury. He was a Mason for over fifty years, belonging to Sunbury Lodge and Northumberland Chapter.

In 1843 Mr. Zimmerman married Harriet M. Bright, daughter of Jacob Bright, a jeweler by trade, who died at Sunbury; Mr. Bright served in the war of 1812. Nine children were born to this marriage, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Ella Lucy, who married J. B. Phillips, and died in Virginia; Harriet, wife of Paul Roth, of Shamokin; John B.; George H., a painter of Shamokin, who married Sarah J. Drumheller and has three children, William, Ralph (former chief of the Shamokin fire department and now serving in the borough council) and Howard; Rosa, wife of Samuel Haas, of Shamokin; Milton E., born Aug. 22, 1857, an attorney; and William Cameron, a painter, who lives in Philadelphia.

John B. Zimmerman, son of Jeremiah H., was born May 22, 1851, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. He followed the business

of his father and grandfather, learning the trade of blacksmith, in which he met with unusual success. The carriage works established by his father in 1869, on Market street, in a building 20 x 30 feet, grew steadily in size and importance until they occupied a commodious site at Independence and Market streets, the establishment including blacksmith and carriage shops and a large repository. Twenty-five employees were steadily engaged, in the manufacture of wagons, carriages and all kinds of vehicles, and the patronage was drawn from a wide territory. The equipment and facilities for handling all branches of the business were added to as the demands of the trade required, being always up to standard, and his business was the foremost of the kind in the borough. In the spring of 1899 the business was moved to West Sixth street, in the vicinity of the high bridge, and Mr. Zimmerman died shortly after, on July 6, 1899. He was a very well known citizen of Shamokin, though he mingled little in public affairs, devoting himself almost entirely to the large business he had established. He did, however, at the solicitation of his fellow citizens, serve as assistant burgess of the borough. He was a staunch Democrat in political faith.

On April 5, 1874, Mr. Zimmerman married Jane Newberry, of the borough of Northumberland, who survives him, making her home in Shamokin. Six children were born to this union: Ida May, Edward B., Harriet M., John, Clara and Grover Cleveland.

Edward B. Zimmerman received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he at once joined his father at the factory, learning the business, and upon his father's death he became manager of the plant, to which he devotes all of his time. It is in a flourishing condition, fifteen skilled workmen being regularly employed, principally on custom work, turning out farm and spring wagons. The trade is large, and includes general repair work as well as manufacturing. The building occupied is a fine, substantial structure, 44 x 100 feet in dimensions, and conveniently arranged. Mr. Zimmerman has shown himself to be possessed of both the executive ability and mechanical skill which have characterized the members of this family for generations, and he is also maintaining the family reputation for high standards of citizenship and personal worth. He is well known in the ranks of the Democratic party, in whose interest he has been active. Fraternally he belongs to the local lodge of Elks and to the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Zimmerman married Sarah Pursley, of Union county, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Kathleen.

**FOLLMER.** The Follmer family in Northumberland county is descended from Jacob Follmer,





who with his wife and one son, Michael, then a child, left Germany for America (Jacob's older brother, Michael, may have come with them). Finding the early home for the Germans in the Schoharie Valley, in New York, closed to them, he came in 1737 to Berks county, where he purchased land in the Tulpehocken settlement and built for himself a home. There he reared his family and spent the remainder of his days. Two of his sons, Michael and George Jacob, came to Northumberland county in 1778 and settled in Turbut township.

Michael Follmer, who was born in Germany Sept. 26, 1723, died near the Follmer Church Sept. 29, 1793, and he was interred in the old burying ground adjoining that church; his wife was also buried there. A man of intelligence and strong religious convictions, he labored earnestly for two things in his new home, religion and education. He and his sons donated the site for the Follmer Lutheran church and a farm of eight acres to the congregation, and in his will he left £15 to the church then in process of construction and £10 toward building a schoolhouse, as well as £10 toward the teaching of poor children belonging to the church above mentioned. His wife Regina, whom he married in Berks county, was born June 18, 1730, and died Aug. 18, 1813. Nine children were born to their union: John (born Jan. 16, 1750), George (born Aug. 16, 1751), Adam, Frederick, Henry, Michael, Elizabeth, Magdaline and Catharine. Their records and that of their posterity are given below in the order just named.

John Follmer, eldest son of Michael, born Jan. 16, 1750, married Maria Elizabeth Geiger, who was born June 29, 1749, and died Oct. 3, 1836. They were the parents of two children, John and Henry.

John Follmer, son of John, born Oct. 12, 1775, died April 25, 1845. He married Elizabeth Bower, born Feb. 8, 1784, died May 13, 1853, and they had two children, Regina and Samuel. The latter, born March 6, 1812, died Feb. 20, 1834. Regina Follmer, born June 23, 1804, died Aug. 26, 1867. She married Jacob Hoffa, born May 20, 1800, died May 15, 1882, and they had a family of seven children: (1) John, born May 3, 1826, died Dec. 20, 1894, married (first) Sarah Ann Schaeffer (born March 31, 1829, died Dec. 7, 1864), (second) Mary G. Litchard (born Sept. 2, 1844, died Sept. 24, 1878) and (third) Margaret Follmer. His children were Catharine, Dr. Jacob P., Daniel, J. Follmer, W. Francis, Cora M. and Cyrus. (2) Samuel. (3) Cyrus married Margaret Auten. (4) Reuben. (5) Sarah Ann. (6) Daniel H., born in 1830, died in 1832. (7) A son died in infancy Dec. 22, 1834.

Henry Follmer, younger son of John and Maria Elizabeth (Geiger) Follmer, born in 1777, died

March 14, 1857. He was the first of the family to settle on Limestone run, in Turbut township. He married Mary Elizabeth Geiger, who died Jan. 2, 1820, and for his second wife he married Eva Barbara Follmer, who died Feb. 23, 1857. His six children, four by the first union and two by the second, were as follows: (1) Susan, born April 3, 1804, died Oct. 15, 1826. (2) Daniel, born April 13, 1806, is mentioned below. (3) Salome, born Nov. 10, 1807, died Sept. 12, 1881. She married William Tobias, born Aug. 2, 1799, died Jan. 7, 1886, and they were the parents of six children: Caroline, who married Franklin Grier and had children, Oliver, Daniel and Jeremiah; Henry, whose children were George, Harry and Mary (married Samuel Berkheimer); Mary, who married Jacob Stineman and had one son, William; William; Sarah, who married Samuel Hoy and had Calvin, Eva and Harry; and John. (4) William, born July 24, 1818, died Aug. 10, 1888. He was an extensive farmer in Turbut, his native township, owning some three hundred acres, and a prominent citizen of his time, serving for many years as justice of the peace, and one term in the State Legislature, and he was well known in local business circles as president of the Danville Mutual Fire Insurance Company and as a stockholder and one of the incorporators of the Buffalo Milling Company of Lewisburg. He was a Democrat in politics, a Mason in fraternal connection (member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M.) and a member of the Follmer Church. He married Eleanor McWilliams (daughter of John), who died Dec. 27, 1876, and they had a family of twelve children: Mary E., born Dec. 20, 1839, died Feb. 18, 1842; John H., born in 1841, married Jennie McLaughlin; Sarah E., born July 14, 1843, died Sept. 1, 1859; Margaret J., born July 14, 1843, married David Utt and had four children, William, Harry, Jessie and Mary M. (who married Rolland S. Follmer, mentioned below); Susanna A., born Jan. 12, 1847, married Thomas Rissel and had two children, Ella H. and John H.; Clara K., born Feb. 14, 1849, died Feb. 1, 1852; William L., born May 20, 1855, died June 5, 1855; Hannah R. was born May 3, 1857; Daniel G., born May 3, 1857, died Sept. 27, 1859; Mary E., born April 17, 1859, died July 18, 1859; Martha H., born Sept. 6, 1860, died Oct. 10, 1862; Francis M., born Feb. 16, 1867, educated in the public schools and at Bloomsburg Normal, married Elizabeth Hunty, and had two children. Mr. Follmer married (second) Mrs. Susanna M. (Follmer) Marsh. (5) Anna, born March 28, 1824, died Jan. 30, 1892. (6) Mary Magdalin, the youngest, was born April 22, 1826.

DANIEL FOLLMER, son of Henry, was born April 13, 1806, on the old homestead in Turbut township, and there passed his entire life, buying about two hundred acres of the original farm taken up



by his ancestor, upon which was erected a fine stone house. He was a farmer throughout his active years, living retired for twenty years before his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1887. His farm, which was near the Follmer Church, is now owned by his son John S., of Milton. A prominent man in his district, he served in various township offices and for many years was a trustee of the Follmer Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Democrat up to the time of the Civil war.

On Oct. 15, 1829, Mr. Follmer was married, by Rev. Henry Myers, to Sarah Lantz, born March 18, 1811, died Feb. 24, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer are buried at Follmer's Church. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Mary E., born Nov. 2, 1830, married Charles J. Engle and has three children: Emma, born May 14, 1853; David Franklin, born June 29, 1857, now of Philadelphia; and Sarah Elizabeth, born May 28, 1860, who married Wallace Weidenhamer, son of Willington Weidenhamer. (2) William G., born July 24, 1833, died in 1909, married Esther Hoy, who was born Sept. 4, 1837, and who survives him, residing in Milton. They had seven children: Newton, born June 11, 1860, a Lutheran minister, now located in Pittsburg, married Anna Maude Schoch and has three children, Ethel L., Frank S. and William H.; Daniel, born Sept. 30, 1861, is deceased; Sarah K., born March 21, 1863, married George M. Bucher and has three children, Harold, Esther R. and Robert L.; Ella P., born Nov. 4, 1865, married David C. Ditzler and has a family of six, Mabel E., Mary B., Nellie F., Marjory L., Leila C. and Frederick W.; Minnie A., born March 4, 1868, married John W. Berkhimer; Mary E., born Dec. 25, 1876, married David Cor-selt; Margaret I., born April 7, 1879, married Adam Yerg, and has one son, Adam Follmer. (3) Margaret Ann, born July 15, 1836, unmarried, is living at the homestead in Turbut township. (4) Charles Franklin is mentioned below. (5) Sarah Elmira, born Oct. 8, 1840, married William Raup and they live in Chillisquaque township. (6) Daniel Henry is mentioned below. (7) Susanna L., born Feb. 3, 1846, unmarried, is living with her sister on the homestead. (8) John S., born July 18, 1851, received his early education in the public schools of Milton and at Limestone Academy, read medicine with Dr. C. H. Dougal and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, 1876. He had previously served an apprenticeship to the drug business, in which he engaged after practicing medicine one year, establishing himself in business at Milton, where he has a wide patronage and high reputation. In 1879 he married Elizabeth B. Voris, daughter of Peter Voris, of Chillisquaque township, and they have two children, Frederick Voris and Malcolm Murray. In politics Dr. Follmer is

a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

CHARLES FRANKLIN FOLLMER, son of Daniel, was born Aug. 15, 1838, in Turbut township, on the old farm near the Follmer Church, and began his education in the local schools. Later he attended McEwensville Academy. He was reared to farming, and engaged in that calling until 1864, when he removed to Milton and entered the insurance business, in which he continued the remainder of his life, becoming very well known in his section in that connection. Representing the most reliable companies of America and England, he gained a large circle of patrons and made a notable success of the business. Other enterprises of the borough received his encouragement and substantial support, he having been a member of the Milton Gas Company (which he served some years as secretary and treasurer) and a director of the First National Bank of Milton. He was also a member of the Buffalo Milling Company, of Lewisburg. Upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead where he was born, and he was the owner of that property at the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1897. Mr. Follmer is buried in the Upper cemetery at Milton. He was one of the most progressive citizens of his time in this region, and his death was regarded as a general loss, for he was active in many phases of the life of the community and a useful man in every relation of life. In early life he was a Lutheran, having been confirmed at the Follmer Church, but upon his removal to Milton he united with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

In 1872 Mr. Follmer married Abbie A. Thomas, daughter of William F. Thomas, of Moorestown, N. J., who, like his father, was a coal operator; the grandfather was located at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer had two daughters: Henrietta, who married Lord Hartman Burr, a banker of Moorestown, N. J.; and Annie G., who lives with her mother. Mrs. Follmer now makes her home at Moorestown, New Jersey.

DANIEL HENRY FOLLMER, son of Daniel, born Aug. 19, 1843, died in January, 1909, and is buried at the Paradise Church. He received his education in the public schools and Milton Academy. He was a lifelong farmer, and in 1889 purchased the well known place in Turbut township known as the Abe Engle farm, which contains eighty-two acres of the most valuable land in the district. In politics Mr. Follmer was a Democrat and he served two years as auditor of his township. With his family he belonged to the Follmer Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon. In 1869 he married Rebecca C. Schaeffer, who now resides in Turbut township with her children, Rolland Sydney and Bertha Gertrude, the latter the wife of J.





Wesley Wolfe, of Turbut township, and the mother of one son, Glenn.

Georg Schaeffer, Mrs. Follmer's emigrant ancestor, was a native of the Rhine Valley, in southern Germany, born north of the Rhine, and landed at Philadelphia Aug. 13, 1750, making the voyage in the ship "Edinburgh." Soon after coming to this country he settled in Richmond township, Berks county, where he obtained a warrant for a tract of land, and it is known he was a land owner in 1759. His tract in that township is still in the possession of the family. The Schaeffer farms are among the best in the county. When the Revolution broke out he became captain of a company in the Colonial service. He died at an advanced age in 1791-92. His wife's maiden name was Reib, and they had a family of five children, Elizabeth (married John Bieber), Margaret (married Dewalt Bieber), Maria (married Michael Christman), Peter and Philip (the last named remaining on the homestead).

Philip Schaeffer, born in 1770 on the old homestead in Richmond township, became a successful agriculturist and was also an inventor of ability, manufacturing the first threshing machine in Berks county. It was so successful that he continued to manufacture the machines the remainder of his life. His wife, Elizabeth (Fetherolf), was a granddaughter of Peter and Anna Maria (Rothermel) Feterolf, of Wachbach, Germany, and she died in 1849. Mr. Schaeffer surviving until January, 1853. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, a Democrat in politics, and in religious attachment a member of the Reformed Church. His family of twelve children, all of whom were of unusually fine physique, tall and strong, and well proportioned, were as follows: George, Peter, Isaac, Jonathan, Daniel, Philip, William, David, Sarah (married Jacob DeLong), Elizabeth (married Solomon Yoder), Anna Maria (married Isaac Merkel) and Esther (married Francis De Long). Each of this family received a farm from the father.

Peter Schaeffer, grandfather of Mrs. Follmer, was born in 1799 in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and about 1824 came with his family to Northumberland county, making the journey by team. He settled in Turbut township upon the farm now owned by Levi Stamm, a tract containing about 175 acres, and there lived until his removal to Watson town, where his death occurred in 1889 and where he is buried. He was twice married, the children born to his first union being: Sarah (married John Hoffa), Catharine (married Benneville Leinbach), Elias, Peter, and Benneville (who is still living, in Kansas). By the second marriage there were two children, William and Emma (married Frank Specht).

Elias Schaeffer, father of Mrs. Follmer, was born in 1821 in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and came with the family to Northumberland

county when a child. He was engaged in farming in Turbut township and was a well known citizen of his community. He retired a few years before his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1886. Mr. Follmer married Elizabeth Glaze, daughter of Stephen Glaze, and she died Nov. 2, 1887; she was born in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer are buried at the Paradise Church in Turbut township. They were the parents of seven children: Sarah married Levi Stamm and they live on the old Schaeffer homestead in Turbut township; Rebecca C. married Daniel H. Follmer; Elizabeth married William Balliet; Emma married Harvey Stoudt, of Milton, Pa.; Stephen, Mary and Daniel all died young.

ROLLAND SYDNEY FOLLMER, son of Daniel Henry and Rebecca C. (Schaeffer) Follmer, was born in Turbut township July 27, 1871, and there began his education in the local schools. Later he was a pupil at McEwensville Academy and at Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He remained at home, working with his father, until he commenced farming on his own responsibility, and he now has the home place of eighty-two acres, which under his care is in a most excellent state of cultivation. He is an intelligent and enterprising agriculturist, and his good judgment in the management of the place is everywhere in evidence. So far he has devoted all his time to his own affairs, which are in a prosperous condition. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Follmer Lutheran Church.

In March, 1891, Mr. Follmer married Mary M. Utt, daughter of David and Margaret J. (Follmer) Utt, and they have had three children, Rhea M., Bertha M. and Schaeffer U.

David Utt, Mrs. Follmer's father, was born Oct. 29, 1839, in Northampton county, Pa., son of David Utt and grandson of Adam Utt, of that county. The latter followed farming and hunting, and died in Northampton county. David Utt, son of Adam, a native of Northampton county, moved to Columbia county in 1840 and there followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in that county; he is buried there, in Greenwood township. He married Mary Adams, and their children were: Jacob, Adam, William, George, David, Elias, Anna (died young) and Harriet (married Martin Mowery).

David Utt, son of David, was a year old when his father settled in Columbia county, and remained with his father until he reached the age of eighteen. In Greenwood township, Columbia county, he learned the trade of miller, which he followed for twenty-two years in Columbia and Northumberland counties, coming to the latter county in 1862 and settling in Turbut township, where he remained for six years. At the end of that time he settled on the William Follmer farm, in the eastern part of Chillis-queque township, in





1878, purchasing the place, which contains 102½ acres, in 1883. He has lived there ever since, devoting all his time to farming, in which he has prospered, and his property has been greatly improved during these years.

Mr. Utt married Margaret J. Follmer, daughter of William and Eleanor (McWilliams) Follmer, and these children were born to them: William married Elizabeth Whomer, and has two children, Margaret and J. Clair; Jesse married Mamie Black, and their two children are David and Eleanor; Mary M. married Rolland S. Follmer. This family attends the Lutheran Church. Mr. Utt is a Democrat in politics and fraternally a member of Pottsgrove Lodge, No. 623, I. O. O. F.

George Follmer, son of Michael and grandson of Jacob, born Aug. 16, 1751, died Nov. 9, 1830. He married Eva Barber Moyer, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: John, George, Abraham, Joseph, Eve, Catharine, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann and Ann Maria. Of these,

Abraham Follmer married Margaret Lantz and had children: Sarah; George John, born Aug. 5, 1817, who died Nov. 2, 1841; Charles, born Dec. 29, 1815; Henry, born Aug. 18, 1822, who died Sept. 27, 1852; and Margaret Elizabeth.

Charles Follmer, son of Abraham, followed farming, living on a farm near the Paradise Church. He died May 19, 1883, and is buried at that church. His wife, Theresie (Eshbach), born Aug. 15, 1815, died Nov. 16, 1864. They had a family of five children: Levi H., born Jan. 5, 1841, married Ellen Watts and lives at McEwensville, Pa.; Margaret C., born Nov. 11, 1842, married Samuel P. Lerch, who was born Oct. 23, 1839, and they have six children, Rev. Charles D. (born Nov. 17, 1868), Samuel E. (born Aug. 23, 1871), Mary T. (born Aug. 15, 1874), Amy F. (born Feb. 23, 1878), Maggie I., and Sallie E. (born May 14, 1883); Sarah E., born Jan. 8, 1846, married William H. Miller (1840-1909), and had three children, Maggie I., Rosie T. and Carrie E.; Susan B., born Nov. 14, 1847, married Josiah Baker, born June 17, 1856, and their children are Samuel, Daisy, Lucy and Maggie; Charles D., born June 3, 1857, married Susan M. Kerchner, who was born May 16, 1863, and they reside in McEwensville, Pennsylvania.

Eve Follmer, daughter of George, married Henry Follmer, and they had two children: (1) Anna married Abraham S. Sypher, born Dec. 18, 1821, died Oct. 9, 1895, and their children were Henry J. and Leah A. Henry J. Sypher, born May 19, 1848, married Julia Berkheimer, born Feb. 24, 1849, and had five children: Anna M., born Oct. 18, 1869, who married Harvey J. Sones; William H.; George A., born May 19, 1873, who married Ida Kurtz, born March 11, 1874; Veronica I., born May 21, 1876; and Bessie L., born Oct. 8, 1880.

Leah A. Sypher, born in 1851, married J. W. Bricker, who was born in 1838, and had three children, Nathan, Anna E. and Laura M. (2) Mary Magdalina, who married Joshua Cole, born July 4, 1818, had five children, born as follows: Sarah A., March 12, 1849; Mary Eva, July 23, 1851; William W., Nov. 9, 1853; Daniel C., Oct. 8, 1856; Calvin L., Feb. 5, 1859.

Adam Follmer, third son of Michael, married Christian Bone, by whom he had nine children: Adam, John, William, Jonathan, David, Simon, Solomon, Christian and Rosanna.

Simon Follmer, son of Adam, born Sept. 12, 1799, died Dec. 15, 1852. His first wife, Hannah Reinard, born Feb. 8, 1804, died Dec. 31, 1834; his second, Rebecca Kohler, born May 1, 1813, died May 25, 1867. He was the father of thirteen children, five by the first marriage, eight by the second: (1) Rebecca, born Nov. 15, 1824, married Joseph Hamer, born Jan. 18, 1820, and was the mother of eleven children, Hannah E. (born April 18, 1845, married Thomas Mercer and had Clara L., Clarence, Frank, Rebecca, Otis, Dora, Joseph, Hart and Zora), Simon F. (born July 14, 1847, married Margaret J. Scherer, born May 2, 1855, and had Mary R., Daisy E., Frank S., Fred F. and Dolly G.), Catharine J., Harriet E. (born Aug. 9, 1852, married William J. McHenry, born Dec. 10, 1849, and had William O., Margaret, Edward F., Joseph S., Bessie R. and Charles A.), James A., Joseph, Charles W., Margaret D., Lucy M., Anna R. (married John Ganville and had Mary R., Samuel J., Alva C. and Lizzie M.), and Nellie L. (2) Mary Ann died young. (3) Susanna M. married William Follmer, who is mentioned later in this article. (4) Margaret, born June 3, 1831, married Miner Gulich Marsh, born April 9, 1824, and they had three children: Spencer Follmer, born May 18, 1855, who died June 7, 1855; Charles Newton, born June 25, 1858; and Harriet Clementine, born Nov. 7, 1861, who married Charles Moll. (5) Catharine, born April 23, 1834, died Jan. 1, 1857, and is buried in the old cemetery at Milton. (6) Daniel K. (7) Mary Emma, born Oct. 19, 1837, died Feb. 2, 1842, and is buried in the old cemetery at Milton. (8) Samuel H. (9) Amelia C. (10) Louisa J. (11) Barbara S. (12) Martin L. died young. (13) Clara M.

Solomon Follmer, son of Adam, born Dec. 11, 1829, died Jan. 10, 1880. He married Elizabeth Swartz, born Aug. 7, 1830, and to their union were born four sons: (1) John S., born July 17, 1854, married Mary Harmon, born April 29, 1857, and they had one child, Orrell Myrtle, born April 10, 1881. (2) Charles F., born May 23, 1856, married Flora Schuyler, who was born in 1860, and died June 24, 1882, the mother of one child, Lola May, born July 21, 1883. His second wife,



Anna (Orbits), was born Sept. 5, 1858. (3) William P., born July 16, 1858, married Ada S. Corson, born Nov. 22, 1862, and they have one son, Raymond Oscar, born June 26, 1883. (4) Foster M., born April 28, 1860, died Nov. 1, 1881.

Frédéric Follmer, son of Michael, married Barbara Geiger, and they had three children: Daniel, born March 13, 1786; Susan, who married Joseph Mackey; and Regina, who married James Donaldson.

Daniel Follmer, son of Frederick, married Margaret Reed, who was born Aug. 31, 1789, and they had a family of seven children, as follows: John R.; Daniel G., born Nov. 11, 1826; Sarah; Cynthia, born Dec. 20, 1815; Jane W., born May 8, 1813; Elizabeth, born Aug. 2, 1818 (married Robert Caldwell); and Maria, born May 10, 1810 (married John Foresman).

Henry Follmer, son of Michael, inherited a tract of land near Milton from his father. He was an active member of the Follmer Lutheran Church. He married Susan Stahl, who died in 1861, aged eighty-nine years, eleven months, nineteen days, long surviving Mr. Follmer, who had passed away in 1822, aged fifty-four years, nineteen days. Their children were: Philip, Thomas, Andrew, Mary (married Michael Brown) and Elizabeth.

Philip Follmer, son of Henry, married and had children: Samuel and Philip Henry.

Thomas Follmer, son of Henry, married and had children: Henry and William.

Andrew Follmer, son of Henry, received a common school education, and lived on a sixty-eight-acre tract which he inherited. He was an elder of the Reformed Church at the time of his death. He married Mary Pool, a native of Mercer county, Pa., who died in 1863, aged sixty-seven years; Mr. Follmer died March 29, 1862. They had two sons, Henry Philip and Reuben T., the latter dying first.

Henry Philip Follmer, son of Andrew, was born Dec. 28, 1819, on the farm where he always lived, and was the fourth in direct line to own that property. He received a good education in the schools of the day, and followed farming and gardening, after his father's death purchasing the farm, where the latter had also been born. He served his township as school director and in other offices; and was jury commissioner for three years. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion he and his family adhered to the German Reformed Church, in which he served as elder. On Feb. 22, 1887, he and his sons established a green grocery at Milton. In 1849 Mr. Follmer married Mary Jane Crawford, who was a daughter of Elijah Crawford, of Northumberland county, and to them were born children as follows: Alfred C., Sarah (wife of Jesse Server, of Milton), Lewis L. (who married

Cora Barber, daughter of Anthony Barber, of Lewis township), Harvey W. (of Milton, who married Alma Foresman, daughter of Thomas Foresman, of Union county, Pa.), Andrew, Elijah, Eleanor C. and Edward.

Michael Follmer, son of Michael, married Elizabeth Berger.

Elizabeth Follmer, daughter of Michael, married Adam Christ, and had children: Adam, George, Henry, John, Maria, Elizabeth, Eve, Catharine, Martha and Sarah.

Magdaline Follmer, daughter of Michael, married Christian Van Gundy, and had children: John, George, Adam, Jacob, Ann. Their children live at and near Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Catharine Follmer, daughter of Michael, married George Jacob Follmer, who was born April 16, 1768, son of George Jacob, Sr., and grandson of Jacob, the emigrant ancestor of the family. They were cousins.

George Jacob Follmer, son of Jacob and brother of Michael, was born in December, 1738, in Berks county, Pa. He was a notable man of this section in his time, serving five years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, as member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1794 and again from 1798 to 1802, and in 1803 he was elected to the State Senate, dying Aug. 24, 1804, before the expiration of his term as senator. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Anna Catharine Walter, born Feb. 9, 1742, who died Aug. 15, 1808, and they had a large family, viz.: (1) Anna Margaret, born April 17, 1762, married William Gouger, and had children: William, Jacob, George, Nicholas, Benjamin, John, Daniel, and Mary Elizabeth (died Jan. 2, 1820). (2) John, born Dec. 23, 1763, died Feb. 1, 1767. (3) Anna Catharine, born April 25, 1766, married John Gertner, and had children: Mary married Jacob Marsh; Susan married John Butler; John died young; Catharine married John Rynearson; Eliza married Adam Schaeffer; Christian married Peter Gertner; Jacob married Mary Swartz; George married Mary Shumaker. (4) George Jacob was born April 16, 1768. (5) John, born June 20, 1770, died Jan. 10, 1786. (6) Henry, born July 16, 1772, married Catharine Stoneman. (7) Anna Mary, born Sept. 3, 1774, married Frederick Dieffenbach. (8) Benjamin, born Dec. 7, 1776, died June 17, 1788. (9) Elizabeth, born July 7, 1779, married John Dieffenbach. (10) William, born Sept. 26, 1781, married Molly Machamer. (11) Michael, born Jan. 19, 1784, married Catharine Dieffenbacher. (12) Daniel C., born March (or June) 9, 1786, died Jan. 5, 1873.





Col. Daniel C. Follmer, born in Northumberland county June (or March) 9, 1786, was colonel of a militia company for many years and served with that rank in the war of 1812. He was a leading citizen of his day, and served one term as associate judge of Montour county. Farming was his occupation. He was a member of the Reformed Church, which he served as elder. His death occurred in the seventies. His first wife, Susanna Deiffenbach, a native of Columbia county, Pa., died in 1836, and he subsequently married Rachel Grier. There were eight children by the first union, born as follows: Catharine, March 10, 1810; Conrad, June 20, 1812 (went to Kansas); Elizabeth, March 3, 1815; Margaret Ann, March 24, 1817; Mary, April 3, 1819 (married John A. Eschbach and moved to Iowa); Susanna, Nov. 18, 1821; Jacob Michael, May 3, 1825; William Henry, Dec. 1, 1828 (died July 1, 1866). By the second marriage there was one child, Martha Ellen, born Feb. 6, 1840, who died April 9, 1852.

Jacob M. Follmer, son of Col. Daniel C., was born May 3, 1825, at Limestoneville, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools and at Danville Academy. He followed farming, lumbering and stock raising, meeting with success in all those lines, and in his later years engaged in the insurance business, representing several of the strongest companies. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, 37th Militia, received the appointment of regimental quartermaster and served as such until honorably discharged, Aug. 4, 1863. He was a charter member of Bryson Post, G. A. R., at Watsonstown, and served as chaplain of Henry Wilson Post, at Milton. Fraternally Mr. Follmer was connected with the Masonic Blue Lodge for twelve years and with the Royal Arch Masons three years. He represented his district one term in the House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 1888. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, serving several terms as elder and many years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

In 1850 Mr. Follmer married Susan, daughter of John P. Hackenberg, of Northumberland county, and children as follows were born to them: Emma; Matilda, who married C. G. Wilson; Edward H., who died May 12, 1856, when one year old; Ada L., who married J. G. Bower, of Watsonstown; William H.; Roland B., of Philadelphia; and John H., born July 23, 1868, who died April 10, 1900.

WILLIAM H. FOLLMER, M. D., son of Jacob M., was born Aug. 13, 1856, at Milton, and there began his education in the public schools. He graduated from the high school at Watsonstown, and then read medicine with Dr. J. R. Ely, at Milton, later entering Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was grad-

uated in 1882. In the spring of the same year he located at Milton for practice, and there he remained until his removal to Williamsport, in 1909. Dr. Follmer has gained a wide patronage and considerable reputation in his profession, and he has been identified with the best homeopathic organizations, local and State, being a member of the Hahnemann Medical Institute, the State Homeopathic Medical Society (which he served as committeeman), the Milton Medical Society and the West Branch Homeopathic Society (covering Elk, Clinton, Lycoming, Union, Blair and Northumberland counties), of which latter he has been president. Socially he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., and Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks.

Dr. Follmer married Hettie L. Brown, who was born Jan. 30, 1861, daughter of the late Cyrus Brown, a prominent druggist of Milton. She died Jan. 29, 1899, leaving one son, Cyrus Brown, born May 17, 1894. In 1909 the Doctor married again.

WILLIAM FOLLMER (deceased), born July 24, 1818, son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Geiger) Follmer, married (second) Susanna M. (Follmer) Marsh, widow of William Kase Marsh and daughter of Simon Follmer. She was born Sept. 25, 1828, in Turbut township, and first married William Kase Marsh, who was born in 1826, and died Jan. 22, 1868. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Three children were born to this union: (1) James Ambrose Marsh married Mary Waldron, daughter of William and Anna (Hilgert) Waldron, granddaughter of Lafferd Waldron (who came to this county in 1785) and great-granddaughter of Cornelius Waldron (who came to America and settled in New Jersey in 1764, and served as a captain in the Revolutionary war). Mr. and Mrs. James Ambrose Marsh are the parents of three children: Annabella, who is the wife of John Epley and has two children, Margarite and J. A. (this family lives in Michigan); Uana Lorine, Mrs. Newcomer, who has one child, Mary Marsh; and William Edgar, who married and has one child, James. (2) William Griggs Marsh, M. D., married Emma Klapp and has one daughter, Annie M., now the wife of M. Y. Leinbach. (3) Burton Lincoln Marsh married Rebecca Sharer and has one son, Hiram W.

Isaac Marsh, grandfather of William Kase Marsh, married Ellenana Griggs and lived in New Jersey. Their children were: Isaac, Daniel and Griggs.

Griggs Marsh, father of William Kase Marsh, was born in New Jersey, and died in Milton. He was married four times, his first wife being Catherine Kase, by whom he had three children: Ellen, wife of Peter Hotz; Harriet, wife of Simon Lantz;





and William Kase, who married Susanna M. Fellmer. For his second wife Mr. Marsh married Elizabeth Smith, and to their union were born seven children: John; Griggs, who married Kate Fichthorn; Isaac, who married Mary Baker; Joseph; Daniel, who married Eliza Fox; Annie, who married James Lester; and James D., who married Ella Hotz. Mr. Marsh's third wife was Kate Christey, his fourth Kate Douty, by whom he had one son, Calvin D.

WILLIAM H. H. OTTO (deceased) passed away before he had even reached his prime, yet he had attained a prominent place in the business life of the city of Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he had lived and worked from young manhood. He was a member of the firm of Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co., one of the largest grocery jobbing houses in central Pennsylvania, for several years prior to his decease.

Mr. Otto was born Oct. 31, 1863, in Snyder county, Pa., but he came of a Northumberland county family, his great-grandfather having come to this county from Berks county in an early day, and the Ottos have been numerous represented here ever since. The Federal Census Report of 1790 records Henry and George Otto as residents of Northumberland county then heads of families.

Conrad Otto, great-grandfather of William H. H. Otto, was born about 1766, and was an early resident of Jackson township, Northumberland county, living in the vicinity of Mahanoy the greater part of his life. He is said to have lived earlier at Trevorton, this county. He lived to an advanced age, and he and his wife, Barbara (Seiler) (born March 24, 1769, died Jan. 20, 1857), are buried at the Mahanoy Church known as St. Peter's. He worked as a laborer. Conrad and Barbara (Seiler) Otto had: Adam (born March 1, 1808, died Feb. 27, 1861), John and Bevy; Mrs. Peifer (she had one daughter, Betzy, who married a man named Michael, and both Mrs. Peifer and her daughter, Mrs. Michael, died in Illinois).

Johan C. Otto, born Jan. 22, 1770, died Nov. 5, 1854, and buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, was undoubtedly a brother of Conrad.

John Otto, son of Conrad and Barbara (Seiler) Otto, was born in Berks county May 7, 1804, and came to Jackson township, Northumberland county, with his father early in the nineteenth century. He was a cobbler by trade, but in time gave his attention to farming, owning a farm in Jackson township, and he was also engaged on the construction of the Schuylkill canal. He died Aug. 3, 1886, at Herndon, where he had lived retired for nearly twenty years. John Otto was twice married, his first union being to Rebecca Groh, born Oct. 28, 1810, who died Dec. 20, 1845, the mother of the following children: Washing-

ton; Caroline, who married Gabriel Adams and now lives at Mandata, Northumberland county, over seventy years old; Harriet, who married Josiah Schaffer and lives at Hickory Corners, this county; Abbie, deceased, who was the wife of H. S. Byerly; and William C., deceased. By his second marriage, to Lydia Leader, who was born Nov. 23, 1807, and died March 12, 1889, John Otto had children as follows: Rebecca married Isaiah Snyder, of Millersburg, Pa.; Samuel died at Verdon, Nebr., April 18, 1907.

Washington Otto, son of John, was born May 4, 1833, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and died June 24, 1897, at Mahanoy, where he is buried, at St. Peter's Church. He was a trustee of that church at the time of his death. Mr. Otto was a plasterer and stone mason, and followed his trade in his earlier life, later devoting himself to farming and commercial pursuits. He established the coal, bark and lumber business at Otto station, on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, which grew to large and profitable proportions under his able management, and had a farm of 140 acres. Otto Station was named after him.

On Aug. 2, 1860, Washington Otto married Harriet Bower, and to them were born twelve children. We have the following record of the family: William H. H., born Oct. 31, 1863; Abraham L., born April 22, 1865; Agnes, who is unmarried; George L., who died Jan. 1, 1908, aged forty years; Mary, wife of E. S. Hilbush, a farmer, living near Otto station; Lydia, wife of D. P. Russell, of Otto station, the engineer at the pumping station; John C., born in 1874, who died Nov. 3, 1899, on his twenty-fifth birthday; Edw. J., born Feb. 11, 1877; and Cora, wife of George S. Wilson, a resident of Barto, Pa., in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

William H. H. Otto came to Northumberland county with his parents when a boy and received his early education here in the public schools, also attending the academy at New Berlin, Union Co., Pa. He continued to work at farming with his father until his twenty-first year, in 1883 coming to Shamokin, where he became a clerk in the employ of Seiler & Zimmerman. He remained in that connection until his death. By strict attention to business, and giving evidence of more than average ability, he rose in the confidence of his employers to such an extent that in 1896 he was taken into partnership, the firm becoming Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co. The house did a very successful business, being one of the largest jobbing establishments in the grocery line in central Pennsylvania, and Mr. Otto was considered a valuable man throughout the period of his relations with the firm. He died in March, 1902, at the age of thirty-eight years, mourned by his busi-



ness and personal friends, who were many, as well as by his family. The firm is now Seiler, Zimmerman & Seiler.

Mr. Otto was a member of the Reformed Church and took an active part in its work, serving his church as deacon, as financial secretary of the church board and as a teacher in the Sunday school, having a class of young men.

In 1888 Mr. Otto married Katie A. Glatfelter, daughter of Peter and Charlotte (Arnold) Glatfelter, of Juniata county, Pa., near Richfield, who had a family of eleven children, namely: Refena, Emma, Henry, Calvin, Elizabeth, Jacob, Phebe, Katie A. (Mrs. Otto), Ellen, Daniel and Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto had two children: C. Alva, born July 3, 1891, graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1909; Waldo, born Sept. 18, 1893, is attending the high school. The family occupy the fine residence at No. 133 North Eighth street, Shamokin, which Mr. Otto erected in 1891.

**PHILLIPS.** The Phillips (Philips) family to which Elias Philips and Benjamin Phillips, brothers, and farmers in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, Northumberland county, respectively, belong is of old Berks county stock, the progenitors of the line in this country having settled in that part of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., now embraced in Center township, that county. From this locality came several of the name to Northumberland county, settling in Mahanoy township. The brothers named trace their descent from the early Berks county settlers through two lines, maternal as well as paternal, their mother, Susanna (Phillips), having been a daughter of Georg Phillips, the first of his line to come to this county. He was born in Berks county March 24, 1774, and died April 8, 1852. His wife, Sarah (Fuchs), died Sept. 25, 1836, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. They are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: John; Heinrich (born Jan. 9, 1803, died Oct. 23, 1853); Maricha, who married Peter Brosius; Elizabeth, who married Peter Witmer; Catharine (born April 9, 1805, died Sept. 30, 1889), who married Michael Witmer (born March 29, 1804, died Jan. 28, 1842); Sally, who married Heinrich Fox; Christine, who died unmarried; and Susanna, who married Jacob Phillips.

Solomon Phillips, the progenitor of the family in America, came to this country in the ship "Phoenix," Capt. John Mason, which arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28, 1750, he being the only Phillips among the 339 passengers. He settled in Bern (now Center) township, where many of the name now reside, and lived to advanced years, as did his son Michael. He reared a large family, two of his sons being Michael and Hein-

rich. Michael's son, John H., attained the age of 105 years, and the latter's son Jacob lived to be ninety-two years old.

Heinrich Phillips resided near Belleman's Church, where he and his wife Esther (Mogel) lie buried. They reared children as follows: Peter, Jacob, John, Samuel, John Adam, and several daughters.

Jacob Phillips, father of Elias and Benjamin Phillips, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county when eighteen years old. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where he found work among farmers, one of whom was Georg Phillips, whose daughter Susanna he afterward married. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained a number of years, moving thence to a farm he purchased in Jordan township, the property now owned by his son Elias. He cultivated this place for several years, later purchasing the George Phillips farm in Lower Mahanoy, to which he moved, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred there April 20, 1862, when he was fifty-four years, ten months, four days old. So well had he prospered by steady industry that at the time of his death he owned the two farms mentioned and one in Snyder county, and had several thousand dollars in money. He and his wife Susanna, who died Aug. 16, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, eight months, twelve days, are buried at the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, viz.: Isaac, Elias, Benjamin, John, William, George, Jacob, Sarah (who died May 15, 1895, aged fifty-eight years, nine months, six days, married William Schaffer, who died May 6, 1895, aged fifty-nine years, one month, twenty-four days), Ann (married Samuel Spotts), Catharine (married Isaac Spotts, brother of Samuel, who married her sister), Malinda (married Isaac Trego), Susanna (married Emanuel Boyer), Lizzie (married Frank Dreibelbis) and Emma J. (died young).

ELIAS PHILIPS was born Oct. 30, 1832, in the western part of Berks county; and was about two years old when his parents returned to Northumberland county. When a young child he went to live with his maternal grandfather, Georg Phillips, who owned a large farm on the banks of the Susquehanna river in Lower Mahanoy township. He remained in his grandfather's household until about eighteen years old, when he returned to his father, who was then on the farm which he himself now owns and occupies, Elias Philips having come into possession of it upon his father's death. This place, which is one mile west of Urban, in Jordan township, contains 162 acres of the very best land in the locality, and is nearly level; Mr. Philips has large fields, on one of which, comprising thirty-eight acres, he raised over eleven





hundred bushels of wheat about 1900. The place was originally settled by members of the Leshner family, and the barn still standing was erected by Jacob Leshner. The old house was burned Feb. 28, 1908, having taken fire about 2 o'clock in the morning, and the family escaped narrowly. The present dwelling was put up by Mr. Philips the same year. He is a man respected for the useful and industrious life he has led, useful to others as well as in promoting his own affairs. He served his township as supervisor and was a school director when the free school system was established in this region and the schoolhouses were built, during the late sixties. In religious matters he and his family are Lutherans, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Urban, which Mr. Philips served many years in official capacities, being deacon, elder and trustee, giving up these duties only when advancing age made it advisable. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

On Aug. 29, 1854, Mr. Philips married Kate Krissinger, daughter of John and Esther (Bush) Krissinger, and they had children as follows: Sarah (married Wilson Schadel), Lewis, Kate (married Rudolph Schlegel), George J., Jane (married Isaac Michael), Elias K., John, Susanna (married Aaron Updegraff) and Agnes (married John Strohecker and a Mr. Troxler). Mrs. Philips died June 5, 1889, aged fifty-two years, ten months, two days.

ELIAS K. PHILLIPS, son of Elias, was born Oct. 19, 1862, on his father's farm, and was reared to farm life, working for his father until he became of age. In the spring of 1890 he began farming on his father's property, which is considered the finest place in the Stone Valley, continuing there for a period of six years, four years in partnership with his brother George and two years alone. In the spring of 1896 he came to his present place in the Stone Valley, in Jordan township, comprising seventy-five acres which formerly belonged to William Shaffer and earlier to the Leshner family. It is limestone soil and in excellent condition, Mr. Philips having made numerous improvements during his ownership, repairing and adding to the buildings, putting into practice the most approved ideas on modern agriculture, and in various ways adding materially to the value of the property. Close by he owns another tract, containing thirty-nine acres a little south of his home place, and there is a set of buildings on that property also. He is known as one of the most enterprising men in his district and well deserves the reputation. He is at present serving as supervisor of Jordan township, and has also held the offices of tax collector and school director. He is an active Democrat, taking considerable interest in the success of the party. The Lutheran Church at Urban, with which the Phillips family has been identified for several generations, also claims him

and his family among the working members, and he is at present acting as church treasurer and as a member of the cemetery committee. He has been deacon, elder and trustee of that congregation.

On May 10, 1888, Mr. Philips married Sarah Jane Geise, daughter of the late Daniel and Froenica (Trautman) Geise, also of Jordan, and to them have been born three children, Charles Jay, Edwin and Katie Jemima.

GEORGE J. PHILLIPS, son of Elias, was born on his father's farm in Jordan township March 16, 1867. He was reared to farming, working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he commenced agricultural pursuits on his own account on the homestead. He was in partnership there with his brother Elias four years, lived elsewhere for two years, and then, returning to the home place, farmed it alone for three years. During the two years mentioned he was on the Wert farm in the same valley. For five years he lived in Toad Valley, on the farm of his father-in-law, Jacob Michael, coming to his present place, in Lower Augusta township, along the Susquehanna, in the spring of 1904, having purchased it the previous fall. It was formerly the George Seiler homestead, and comprises 140 acres of fertile land, being one of the extra good farms in the region. There are good buildings on the place, the best in this section, and the large barn is comparatively new, having been built in 1900 by Aris Seiler, son of George. Mr. Phillips has modern machinery and has prospered by up-to-date methods combined with industry and good management. He keeps his place up to the mark all the time, and though his buildings and equipment are first-class it is his thrift and intelligent use of his resources which deserve special mention. The water supply on the place is unusually good, and most conveniently arranged, the barn mentioned being particularly well favored in this respect. It has other sanitary arrangements, cemented stables, entries, etc., which commend themselves to the modern farmer. It is considered one of the model barns of Northumberland county.

On Jan. 18, 1890, Mr. Phillips was married to Mary Michael, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Bobbs) Michael, and five children have been born to this union, namely: Harry E., May K., Ray G., Lee J. and William R.

Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church (Zion's), he being a member of the Lutheran congregation, and Mrs. Phillips belonging to the Reformed congregation. He has held the office of deacon. He is a Democrat in politics, and is at present holding the office of school director of Lower Augusta township.

Isaac Phillips, son of Jacob, began farming in partnership with his brother Elias, of Jordan township, on the farm where the latter still lives. After a number of years' residence there he moved to





the farm of his grandfather, George Phillips, in Lower Mahanoy township, remaining at that place for over twenty years. He was then a tenant for one year in the same township, and thence removed to Juniata county, Pa., where he owned a thirty-acre farm upon which he lived until about six months before his death. He died near Dalmatia Oct. 28, 1902, aged seventy-one years, three months, eleven days, at the home of his son Isaac F. Phillips. He is buried at Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, and was a member and officer of the Lutheran congregation of that church, to which his family also belonged, his wife, however, being a member of the Reformed congregation there. In politics he was a Republican, and he served many years in the office of supervisor in his township. His wife, Catharine (Freymoyer), daughter of Jacob Freymoyer (whose wife's maiden name was Klock), is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. They had children as follows: Emma, Mrs. Daniel Tyson; Lizzie, Mrs. Newton Schaffer; Jacob; John F.; Isaac F.; Seneca; and William, Emanuel and George, all of whom died young.

Jacob Phillips, a prosperous farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, was born Oct. 5, 1861, in Jordan township, and was less than a year old when his parents moved to Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming, which he began on his own account in 1892 in the southwestern part of the township, being a tenant on the Charles Kopenhagen farm for four years. In the spring of 1896 he moved to the farm whereon he has since resided, a tract of 106 acres, fertile land, nicely located and well watered, which under his care has been maintained in a fine state of cultivation. It is between Stone Valley Church and Uniontown (Pillow), and was formerly the homestead of Christophel Witmer. It has been in the Witmer name for considerably over one hundred years, and is at present owned by Hon. Charles B. Witmer in partnership with Mr. Phillips. Since 1880 Mr. Phillips has been engaged in threshing, in which line he is the leading man in his section, threshing as much as twenty thousand bushels of grain in a season. He has a fine Peerless outfit, and is prepared to do anything in that line that comes his way. He has been a school director of Lower Mahanoy township since 1903.

Mr. Phillips married Maggie Witmer, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Bubb) Witmer, and a sister of Hon. C. B. Witmer, one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland county. Eight children have been born to this union, namely: Annie, Harry, Fred, Alice, Molly, Clarence, Milton and Minerva. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church, and he served some years as deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN PHILLIPS, son of Jacob and brother of Elias, was born March 23, 1838, in Lower Ma-

hanoy township, where he was reared to farm life. He began farming on his own account in 1858, on one of his father's properties near his present place, and remained there one year. Then, in partnership with his brother Elias, he purchased the farm in Jordan township where the latter now lives, and they were together on that place for three years, at the end of which time Elias Phillips bought the property, Benjamin Phillips coming to his present place in the Stone Valley. This was the old home of Isaac Dreibelbis, who came from Berks county and who in his day was one of the characters of this region, the older settlers still recalling many pleasant memories of "Essack's Schlissel." He operated a tannery on the place, and the old foundation is still standing. Mr. Phillips has 110 acres of the finest land in the township well located and under a fine state of cultivation, the owner possessing the thrifty and industrious habits and faculty for good management characteristic of his family. He built the present barn in 1895, part of the house in 1894, the old part being remodeled.

On Dec. 11, 1859, Mr. Phillips married Harriet Rothermel, daughter of Charles Rothermel and granddaughter of Abraham Rothermel. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding Dec. 11, 1909, amid a large concourse of relatives and friends who came to do them honor and to wish them many more years of happiness and prosperity. Eleven children blessed their union: Sevilla married James Ferster; Chilion is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Frank died in his twenty-seventh year (he was married); Charles lives in Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county; George W. died young; Lizzie married John A. Spotts; Nettie married Jere Radel, of Dalmatia; Elias lives on and farms the homestead; Isaac is a resident of Lykens Valley; Katie married Conway Bohner; James died young. Mr. Phillips and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, in which he was an active worker for many years, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. He is a Democrat in politics.

CHILION PHILLIPS, son of Benjamin, was born Sept. 2, 1861, on one of the Jacob Phillips farms, and he has been interested in farm work all his life. He worked for his parents until he reached his majority, after which, for eleven years, he followed threshing, during the latter part of this period also engaging in farming in Lower Mahanoy township. Since 1893 he has devoted his energies exclusively to farming. During the eighties he purchased the farm near Hickory Corners, in the Stone Valley, where he now lives, one of the John Kiebel homesteads, which consists of fifty-nine acres of the most fertile land in this productive belt. Mr. Phillips put up his present barn in 1902 and his other buildings in 1904. He is a



substantial and successful farmer, believing in both up-to-date methods and old-fashioned industry, a combination which, in the results he has obtained, speaks for itself. He is a Democrat, and has served one term as school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Zion's Union Church of Stone Valley, and he has served as deacon.

In March, 1884, Mr. Phillips married Sarah B. Ferster, daughter of David and Judith (Brosius) Ferster and granddaughter of Peter Ferster. They have had three children: Katie, wife of David Lenker, a school teacher and farmer; Gertie, who died aged nine years; and Charles B.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, son of Jacob and brother of Elias and Benjamin, was born Oct. 17, 1841, on his father's farm, and received his education in the old-fashioned pay schools which were the rule during his boyhood. The instruction was in German, and the terms were only a few months' long, so that the advantages they afforded were none too liberal. Working for his parents until he was of age, Mr. Phillips has since followed farming on his own account and has also engaged extensively in lime burning, owning a limestone ridge. His annual output is about fifteen thousand bushels, and one year he burned twenty-four thousand, five hundred bushels for his brother Elias. His farm consists of twenty-five acres in Jordan township about one mile west of Urban.

In 1866 Mr. Phillips married Elizabeth Nace, daughter of Daniel and Magd. (Hartranft) Nace, and six children have been born to this union. Mintie A. married John Byerly; Maggie married Ira Held; Cora married John Thomas; Clara married Henry Snyder; Alice married George Baum; Thomson died aged fifteen years. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of St. John's Church at Urban, in which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee. He is a Democrat in political connection, and has acted as school director and in various other local offices.

THOMAS J. COATES, of Shamokin, member of the firm of T. J. Coates & Bro., who do a large business as contractors, can point to many evidences of his skill and executive ability in the number of public buildings which have been erected under his supervision during his career in this line. Eleven schoolhouses in Coal township alone are the work of this firm, which receives a generous share of the patronage in Northumberland county in its particular branches of work.

Mr. Coates was born at Trevorton, Northumberland county, June 3, 1866, son of Thomas Coates, a native of County Galway, Ireland, who came to America in young manhood. His first location was in New York City, whence he went to New Jersey, there following the business of gardener. At Mattewan, N. J., he married Katie

Donald, who was born in Queen's County, Ireland, and with whom he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., before the Civil war, subsequently moving to Trevorton. Mr. Coates was killed in the mines in December, 1868. He is buried at Trevorton. There were five children in his family: John M., Elizabeth, Katie, Thomas J. and Margaret.

Thomas J. Coates attended school at Trevorton and was only a boy when he began picking slate at the breaker. He was employed in the mines about twelve years before he went to learn the trade of cabinet-maker, at Trevorton. Later he took up carpentry, and in 1893 he engaged in business as a contractor at Shamokin, becoming associated in that line with his brother John M., under the name of T. J. Coates & Bro. They have had a profitable business from the beginning, and some idea of the magnitude of their operations, and of the class of work intrusted to them, may be gained from the statement that they have had the contracts for the following school buildings in Coal township: Washington, at Springfield; Stevens, at Bear Valley; Webster, at Hickory Ridge; Penn, at Boydtown; Lincoln, at Johnson City; Schaeffer, at Uniontown; Lafayette, at Fairview; Longfellow, at Hickory Swamp; Whitney, at Excelsior; McKinley, at Edgewood; and St. Edward's, at Shamokin. Among other important contracts which they have filled are those for St. Patrick's church and parsonage at Trevorton; for the Shamokin and Coal township almshouse; the first residences at Edgewood, and the first residences at Johnson City. The partners are both men of high business and personal standards, and they deserve the prosperity which has rewarded their enterprise.

Mr. Coates married Annie V. Coulston, daughter of William J. Coulston, and six children have been born to them: John William, Thomas, Annie, John, James and Catherine (who died in infancy). Mr. Coates is a member of St. Edward's Church and of the Holy Name Society.

William J. Coulston, Mrs. Coates's father, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Coates, was born in England May 15, 1825, and came to America in 1846 on a sailing vessel with 280 other passengers. He landed at New York City. Coming to Shamokin in 1866, he has since made his home there, being now one of the oldest residents of the borough. For several years he was in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, at the mines. He is an intelligent man, and well informed. By his first wife, Catherine Cocklin, Mr. Coulston had children as follows: Himes, Thomas, John, Joseph, Thomas (2), Elizabeth, Susanna, Margaret, James and Martin H. By his second union, with Bridget Fenan, he had three children: Annie V. (Mrs. Coates), William (who is deceased) and William A.

JOHN M. COATES, brother and business partner





of Thomas J. Coates, was born in 1858 in New Jersey. He followed mining until he engaged in business with his brother. Mr. Coates has been a well known figure in public life in this county for a number of years, having been elected jury commissioner of the county in 1902 and reelected in 1906, and he has also served as assistant assessor of Coal township. He is a Democrat in political sentiment. He is a prominent member of St. Edward's Church and of the Knights of St. Edward, of which organization he was the first auditor, still holding this office; he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and secretary of his lodge.

**HETRICH.** Johann Philip Hetrich, the ancestor of a large family of this name in lower Northumberland county, was a farmer in Washington township, owning what is now the farm property of Henry Kobel. He was born July 24, 1785, and died March 1, 1853. His wife, Catharine (Reitz), born Oct. 24, 1786, died June 25, 1854, and both were members of the Himmel Church in that township, at which church they are buried. Their children were: John, Michael, Jacob, Nicholas, Samuel, Sallie (married Samuel Bobb), Mrs. Henry Hoffman and Mrs. Peter Reitz.

John Hetrich, son of Johann Philip and Catharine (Reitz) Hetrich, was born Feb. 15, 1805, and was a farmer on the place now occupied by his grandson Charles B. Hetrich. He married Catharine Snyder (Schneider), who was born Dec. 15, 1809, and died Aug. 18, 1866. Mr. Hetrich died June 22, 1871. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were as follows: William, Elias, John S., Daniel, Samuel, Peter and Sarah (married John Hoffman).

**JOHN S. HETRICH,** son of John, was born Dec. 1, 1830, on the old Hetrich homestead now owned by his son Charles B. He was a lifelong farmer and made his home at the old place. His activity in local affairs made him quite well known, as he served six years in the office of overseer of the poor and was also auditor of his township. Politically he was a Democrat. In religion he was a Lutheran and served as deacon and trustee of the church. He died July 21, 1904. In 1854 Mr. Hetrich married Eve Brosius, who was born June 2, 1834, daughter of Peter and Katie (Gonsor) Brosius, and granddaughter of Peter and Grace (Hepler) Brosius. She is a well preserved woman, though in her seventy-seventh year, and continues to reside on the old home place with her son Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrich celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage March 12, 1904, a few months before his decease. They had the following family: Mary E., who died in 1909, married Jerre Snyder and lived at Waverly, Nebr. (they

had ten children): Frank died young; Emma J. married R. B. Latsha and they live at Catawissa, Pa.; Ella C. died young; Charles B. carries on the old farm.

**CHARLES B. HETRICH,** son of John S. Hetrich, was born July 1, 1869, at his present home in Washington township, and received his education in the public schools of the locality. He was reared to farming and for eighteen years followed the business of huckster, going to the leading cities in the coal mining districts. In 1901 he began farming on his own account on the old Hetrich homestead, which comprises 140 acres on the road between Rebuck and Greenbrier. Part of the house is one of the old structures in the neighborhood, a landmark of the community.

On Jan. 1, 1888, Mr. Hetrich married Katie E. Keiffer, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Kehres) Keiffer, and they have had four children: John O., Irin R., Sarah P. and Mary D. John O. Hetrich is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., class of 1909, and is engaged in teaching in Washington township. Mr. Hetrich and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, which he is serving as deacon at present. He is a Democrat on political questions.

Nicholas Hetrich, son of Johann Philip, was born June 1, 1829, and died Jan. 21, 1864. He is buried at Himmel's Church. His home was in Washington township, and he was a wool carder and weaver by occupation. To him and his wife Harriet (Schlegel) were born children as follows: William, Benneville S., Edward, Seville (married Samuel Smith) and Emma (married Hiram Radel and Isaac Campbell).

**BENNEVILLE S. HETRICH,** son of Nicholas, was born July 24, 1855, in Washington township, and was there reared, being trained to farm life from boyhood. In the spring of 1899 he began farming on the place in Jackson township where he has since resided, which consists of eighty acres of good land. It was formerly the Nicholas Drumheller farm, and the house on the property is an old one, having sheltered the pioneer for many years. One part is built of logs. Mr. Hetrich has made a success of his agricultural operations. He is also an experienced tradesman, having learned weaving and shoemaking, which he followed for a number of years before deciding to give all his time to farming. He is active in local politics, being a staunch member of the Democratic party.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Hetrich married Mary Ann Seiler, daughter of Jacob Seiler. She died April 21, 1911. They had two daughters: Lizzie married Herbert H. Hilbush and went to live at Sunbury, this county, where she died Oct. 5, 1909, aged twenty-three years, eight months, eight days, leaving her husband with one son and one daughter.





ter, Mary Elizabeth and Henry B.; Mabel married George E. Rebeck, who is farming the homestead (he is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M.). Mr. Hetrich and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's (Mahanoy) Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee; he is in office at present.

**SEILER.** The ancestor of the Seiler family in this region was John Jacob Seiler, born May 22, 1780, died March 12, 1866. In his earlier manhood he was a miller in Jordan township, Northumberland county, later settling in Jackson township, where he lived on the tract now owned by E. J. Otto. He also owned the farm in Jackson township which was afterward the property of his son William and is now owned by the latter's son Jacob, and was a prosperous man in all his undertakings. He married Elizabeth Heintzleman, and they had a family of ten children: Isaac, Jacob, Daniel, John, Elias (born July 5, 1818, died Aug. 6, 1872; wife Sarah, born April 9, 1822, died Aug. 27, 1900), George, Peter, Katie (married Daniel Zartman), Sallie (married Jacob Wagner) and Polly (married John Zartman).

Jacob Seiler, son of John Jacob, was born Sept. 22, 1804, in Lower Mahanoy township, and became a farmer, living on the old Seiler homestead in Jackson township. He died Nov. 14, 1874, and is buried at St. Peter's Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Ebright), was born Feb. 17, 1811, in Lower Augusta township, and died Dec. 8, 1900. They had children as follows: (1) Rebecca married Daniel Wirt, by whom she had two children, John (who is an undertaker at Seven Points, Northumberland county) and Sarah Ann (wife of Dr. R. P. Haas, of Williamstown, Pa.); after Mr. Wirt's death she married Henry Dornsife, by whom she has children, Henry I. (who has the largest restaurant in Kansas City, Mo.), Samuel Seiler (an attorney at law of Kansas City), Daniel Webster (who lives in California) and Elizabeth Agnes (unmarried). (2) Sarah Ann died Oct. 25, 1851, aged fifteen years, seven months, twenty-six days. (3) George died in infancy. (4) Harriet married Elias R. Hilbush. (5) William is mentioned below. (6) Mary Ann married Benneville S. Hetrich.

William Seiler, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 13, 1843, on the farm where he passed his entire life, becoming a farmer himself. He passed away Sept. 28, 1898. He was the owner of the homestead for a number of years and built the present buildings on the property. For a number of years he was actively identified with the administration of public affairs in his locality, serving as school director, tax collector, and in other offices, and he was a prominent Democrat in political matters. In religion he was a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, which he served

officially for many years, being deacon and elder of that church. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Benjamin and Kate (Stein) Boyer, of Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., and they had three children: Isaac, who is buried at St. Peter's Church; Daniel, of Dauphin county, Pa.; and Jacob.

**JACOB SEILER**, son of William and Hannah (Boyer) Seiler, was born Nov. 15, 1871, at the Seiler homestead, and was there reared to farming. After his marriage he began agricultural pursuits on his own account, at the old home in Jackson township which has been in the Seiler name for so many years, Jacob Seiler being the fourth generation to possess it. The present barn on the place was built by William Seiler in 1876, and the house in 1880. The tract contains 110 acres, ten of which are in timber. Like his family generally, Mr. Seiler has interested himself in local public matters and church work. He is a Democrat and has held township office. He is a member of the Reformed Church, to which his family also belong, is at present serving as deacon of the church and has been interested in the Sunday school, having served as secretary and teacher.

In 1903 Mr. Seiler married Kate Latsha, daughter of Adam and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha, and they have one son, Rufus.

**ALEXANDER ROSS**, who has carried on a hotel at the corner of Second and Water streets, in the borough of Shamokin, since 1906, was formerly for many years engaged in the principal industry of this section, the mining of coal. In his present enterprise he is in partnership with Thomas T. Williams, and they are doing a fine business, having a fine brick hotel with thirty guest rooms.

Mr. Ross was born Sept. 25, 1852, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where his father, John Ross, settled upon leaving New Jersey, his native State. He was a young man when he came to this county, and here he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He died at the age of fifty years, and is buried at the Presbyterian church in Lower Augusta township. He married Margaret Messersmith, and to them were born the following children: Emanuel, Augustus, Alexander, John, Frank, Jane (married Ezra Badman, and died Dec. 2, 1879, aged twenty-one years, eight months, eleven days), Mamie and Simon.

Alexander Ross received his education in the public schools of his native township, and his first work was upon the farm. When sixteen years old he came to Shamokin, where he did railroad work for one year, after which he went into the mines and for thirty-seven years was employed at the collieries. In 1906 he built the substantial brick hotel at the corner of Second and Water streets, in Shamokin, where he has since done business,



and the house is comfortable and convenient, attracting a steady and profitable patronage. The proprietors are well known in Shamokin, where Mr. Ross has valuable real estate holdings, having met with considerable success in his business ventures.

On Sept. 26, 1874, Mr. Ross married Emeline Newman, daughter of John Newman, of Shamokin, and they have three children: Charles, who is a miner; Ambrose W., a merchant in Shamokin; and Mary J., married to James T. Dormer, of Shamokin. Mr. Ross is a member of the Reformed Church and socially belongs to the Knights of Malta. He is an independent voter, supporting the candidates he prefers regardless of their party affiliations.

**JOHN T. ALBRIGHT**, late of Turbut township, Northumberland county, was in his lifetime one of the respected citizens of his section, where he followed farming for many years. He was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., born in 1832, and came to Northumberland county with his parents when a boy.

Mr. Albright learned the trade of bricklayer, which he continued to follow throughout his active years, and as such assisted in building the Baptist church at Turbutville. In his later life he followed farming near the Paradise church in Turbut township. He died in 1894, aged sixty-two years, two months, four days.

In 1856 Mr. Albright married Mary E. Huntzinger, who was born Dec. 18, 1838, daughter of Rudolph and Mary (Heuelrich) Huntzinger, and granddaughter of Jacob Huntzinger, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., where he died. Jacob Huntzinger married Elizabeth Bowman, and they had children: Rudolph, Harry, Martin, Jacob, Peter, Mary E. and Catharine. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Albright: David L. married Rosa Klapp and has one child, Ella (they reside in Lewis township, this county); Mary A. married Aug. F. Heller and has two children, Bertha and Jessie; Charles M., who is engaged in farming his father's old homestead, married Susan E. Klapp and has two children, Florence K. and Edna M. The mother of this family, Mrs. Mary E. (Huntzinger) Albright, died Jan. 21, 1911, at her home in Turbut township, and was buried in the cemetery of Paradise Reformed Church, where Mr. Albright is also interred. He was a member of that church, and he and his wife were among the most esteemed residents of their community.

**DEPPEN.** Christian Deppen, the founder of this family in Pennsylvania, came hither from the German Palatinate, arriving (qualifying) at Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1736. He crossed the ocean on the vessel "Princess Augusta," from Rotterdam,

Samuel Merchant, master, along with a number of others from the Palatinate, their wives and children—in all three hundred souls, according to the historian Rupp. On the "List of Ships Foreigners" his name is given as Christian Däppen, and his age as thirty years. In the Captain's book his name appears as Christian Teppe. In his will his name is written, in plain English, Christian Deppe. Thus we find that there has been considerable uncertainty concerning the correct orthography of the name. It appears often as Deppe, Depew, and Dupee, and some genealogists declare its original form to have been that of the old French Huguenot name, DePui.

Christian Deppen settled near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. In the tax lists of Heidelberg township Christian "Deppy" is assessed as follows: 1767, on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep; 1768, on 150 acres, 4 horses, 4 cattle, 5 sheep; 1779, on 220 acres, 5 horses, 15 cattle; 1780, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 12 cattle; 1781, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 8 cattle. The will of Christian Deppe, of Heidelberg township, is on record in the Berks county courthouse, as made Sept. 27, 1775, and probated in 1782, the year of his death. It was witnessed by Philip Moyer, John Casper Reed, and Adam Kalbach, and it begins thus: "I, Christian Deppe, an aged yeoman of Heidelberg township, Berks county." As the will contains no reference to his wife, it is presumed she was dead at the time it was made. At the time of his death Christian Deppe also owned fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In his will he refers to his "eldest and beloved son, Johannes, who shall have fifty pounds over and above his other share." His children as named in the will were: Johannes; Barbara (married Peter Zimmerman); Anna (married George Yeakly); Treanic; Elizabeth; Thomas; Peter; David, who died in 1804 (his German will is on record in Berks county courthouse); Joseph; Jacob; and Abraham, who died in 1840 intestate, and whose heir was Richard Boone, of Heidelberg.

Joseph Deppy (one of the older sons of the pioneer Christian) in the Federal Census Report of 1790 is recorded as a resident of Heidelberg township, and as the head of a family consisting of himself, wife and three sons above sixteen years of age.

Christian, Peter, William and George Deppen, natives of Berks county, were pioneers of Northumberland county. They located in that section now embraced in Jackson and Washington townships; in 1778 the name of Christian Deppen appears among the list of pioneers of Mahanoy township (both Jackson and Washington were originally embraced in Mahanoy township). This Christian Deppen and Peter Deppen, who were pioneers in Northumberland county, tradition states were sons of the ancestor Christian Deppy. The name





of Peter is found in the will, but Christian is said to have been a heavy drinker, and poor probably on that account, and for this reason he was not mentioned in his father's will. He was unlike his brothers. Early in the nineteenth century he went to Mercer county, Pa., where he died. He was married three times, and among his children were son Washington and daughter Betsy.

Peter Deppen came, as stated, from Berks to Northumberland county; after living there a short period he went to Ohio, finally settling in Missouri, where he was a prosperous farmer. His descendants in Missouri and the West are said to be many. Among his children were sons Zetic and Andrew.

William and George Deppen, mentioned above as having settled in Northumberland county, were grandsons of the ancestor Christian through his oldest son, John, and from these two spring all the Deppens now living in Northumberland county.

Whether Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was a Roman Catholic or not is uncertain, but tradition states that he was. His son Joseph was a Catholic, as were the latter's children, and a number of the family still adhere to that faith. Most of the name now living in Reading are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. There were sixteen persons by the name of Deppen in the Reading city directory for 1908.

William Deppen, one of the two grandsons of Christian mentioned as settling in Northumberland county, was a native of Berks county, born Nov. 20, 1779. He and his brother George settled near Herndon, in Jackson township, in 1810. He is buried at Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he died. He was a hat-maker by trade, but followed farming in Jackson township. His wife Magdelene (Seiler) bore him twelve children, namely: Abraham, Alexander, Isaac, John, David, William, Leah, Sallie, Caroline, Lydia, Mary and Elizabeth (who died in infancy). The father, William Deppen, who is buried at Stone Valley Church, died Sept. 3, 1848; his wife Magdelene, born Sept. 15, 1790, died Feb. 2, 1862. Their son David, born Aug. 29, 1824, died Feb. 21, 1850.

Abraham Deppen, son of William, born Sept. 8, 1812, died Aug. 13, 1899, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, in Mahanoy township, where his wife also rests. He was a farmer, and also dealt in land and cattle, meeting with such success in his operations that at the time of his death he had an estate valued at \$100,000. He was a resident of Herndon at that time. In 1832, together with a man named Mowery, he cleared the first five acres of what is now the site of the borough of Shamokin. In 1844, with his family, he left Jackson township in a Conestoga wagon drawn by three horses and moved out to Wayne county, Ohio. They arrived a day or two too late to take

possession of the land for which they had arranged, so the family lived in their wagon and with a cousin until the land tangle was straightened out. This, however, was only the beginning of a series of troubles. They lived for two years upon the farm they had taken up, but the rust killed the wheat crop, and they subsisted on corn cakes and corn bread, pork and chickens, unable to obtain money or other food. Mrs. Deppen became so homesick that Mr. Deppen hitched up his Conestoga wagon and took her back East, the four children remaining alone upon the farm until the parents returned, after an absence of ten weeks. Then Mr. Deppen became homesick, and after another year the entire family returned to the old location in Pennsylvania. The last year in Ohio the wheat and corn crops had both frozen, and the family lived principally on soft corn and pumpkins. It was in 1846 that they made the return journey, and when they arrived at Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., the pair of horses he drove were Mr. Deppen's only possessions. He settled on the opposite (east) side of the Susquehanna river, and, purchasing five thousand bushels of potatoes on his father's indorsement, obtained a new start. In 1847 he went out to Ohio again to harvest his wheat crop, which was excellent. Just fifty years afterward he went back again, to visit his old farm, which he had sold to Alexander Deppen, who became a successful farmer thereon. The land improved greatly under cultivation.

In 1854 Abraham Deppen purchased half of the 300-acre island located in the Susquehanna river between Port Trevorton and Herndon, the other half being owned by a man named Strickler, who was the first man upon it. It was first known as Strickler island, later as Strickler and Deppen island. Mr. Deppen retained his interest until 1868 or 1869, when he sold to Peter Ziegler, since whose death his son George has owned it. The island comprises three hundred acres of the finest and most fertile land in the upper part of the State.

Abraham Deppen married Mary Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, born in 1811, died in 1868. They were the parents of four children: Louisa (married Dr. Reuben H. Muth), George (of Herndon, Pa.), Joseph (of Mount Carmel, Pa.) and Alexander.

GEORGE DEPPEN, son of Abraham, was born in 1836 at Locust Gap, Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, and was reared in Jackson township, whither his parents removed during his early childhood. He attended the subscription schools, and spent his early years in farm work. In 1863 he embarked in the mercantile business in Snyder county, Pa., and later engaged in the same line at Herndon, of which town he is now one of the oldest residents. In 1868 he engaged in the grain and leather business, buying and shipping grain and dealing in hides for sole





leather, etc., and has built up a large and lucrative trade in that line, being one of the most substantial citizens south of the Line Mountain in Northumberland county. The scope of the business has become so extended that many commodities are now handled, Mr. Deppen shipping grain and coal in large quantities, and dealing extensively in hay, feed, flour, leather and stoneware, while he also trades in wood pumps, shingles, terra cotta and galvanized pipes, his line being very comprehensive and a great accommodation to the local trade. He has always been recognized as a most progressive man, and has amassed a comfortable fortune. Mr. Deppen is one of the oldest justices of the peace in Northumberland county, in point of both age and service, having been first elected in 1865, though he did not take his commission at that time because the recorder had returned it just a day or two before he called for it, he delaying acceptance. He holds seven commissions, one for one year (by appointment) and six for five years each. He is a Democrat in politics, as are also his sons, and is a Lutheran in religious faith, though all his family adhere to the Reformed faith.

In 1868 Mr. Deppen married Mary Mertz, of Freeburg, Snyder county, who died Aug. 17, 1898, at the age of fifty-one years, the mother of a large family of children, eleven of whom survive: Lizzie J. (married Harris Snyder), Laura (married Howard J. Engle), George E. (an attorney at law of Sunbury, Pa.), Henry C. (who manages his father's business at Herndon), Charles P. (car inspector at Herndon), Susan M., Carrie L., John E., Nettie I., Laurence R. and Abraham E. Ruth Alice died in infancy.

HENRY C. DEPPEN (best known as "Harry" Deppen), son of George, was born Dec. 26, 1875, in what is now the borough of Herndon, then a part of Jackson township. He obtained his education in the local public schools, and has been assisting his father ever since he was nine years old. He has continued to be associated with him, and is now the active head of the extensive business, into which he has infused new life by his energy and enterprising spirit. A number of the lines recently added to the original trade were taken up experimentally as promising incidental gains to the bulk and returns of the business, and have proved most profitable. The Deppens have the bulk of the borough trade in coal and feed, and their patronage extends all over the Mahantango Valley. Aside from this enterprise Mr. Deppen is interested in several local industrial concerns, and he and his brother George have been associated for some time as established agents for a number of the old-line high-class fire insurance companies. Mr. Deppen's business activities, however, have not made him indifferent to the public welfare, and he has been prominent in the admin-

istration of the borough government ever since it was instituted. He was elected a councilman at the first general election held after the organization of the borough, and has served continuously to the present time, being the oldest councilman in point of service, though the youngest in years. He has served two years as president of the council, and has been chairman of the ordinance, finance and street committees. Politically Mr. Deppen is a Democrat, and has considerable influence in the party. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, at Herndon, and useful in the work of that organization as he is in everything else which interests him. He is at present serving as secretary of the church consistory.

JOHN ERNEST DEPPEN, son of George, was born May 15, 1881, at Herndon. He began his education there in the public schools, later attending Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, for two years. After assisting his father in business for a time he took a position as traveling salesman in New York and eastern Pennsylvania, and has since been successfully engaged in that capacity. He has been a member of the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, since 1898, and holds the rank of first sergeant.

JOSEPH DEPPEN, son of Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen, was born Dec. 2, 1837, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He received a limited education, the school he attended being taught in a gristmill in Dauphin county. When he became of age he engaged in the droving business, which he followed for three years, and afterward followed merchandising at Herndon for nearly two years. In 1869 he moved to Mount Carmel, where he carried on the hotel business for fifteen years, being proprietor of what is now the "Commercial House." He prospered and accumulated some means, and he has long been considered one of the substantial men of the place, being one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, which he is still serving as director. In 1867 he married Eva Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hoffman, of Jordan township, born Jan. 17, 1841, who died Jan. 18, 1896, and to them were born four children, namely: Lizzie, Ada, Joseph and Gert-rude. This family are all members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Deppen is an active Democrat in politics.

ALEXANDER DEPPEN, a retired farmer now living at Dornsife, was born Aug. 16, 1839, in Washington township, Northumberland county, son of Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen. He was reared to farm life, and when twenty years old began farming on the upper part of White island, where he remained in all for thirty-three years engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1889 he came to Jackson township, and he has since carried on two large farms, though he is now retired from active labor. He made his home in Herndon



from 1904 until the spring of 1910, when he moved to Dornsife. For seventeen years he lived on his farm at Dornsife. Mr. Deppen is a Democrat in political opinion, and a Lutheran in religious faith.

In 1859 Mr. Deppen married Catharine Stepp, daughter of Bastian Stepp, of Jackson township. She died in 1885, at the age of forty-two years, the mother of a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters: William S. (of Dornsife), Charles (of Altoona, Pa.), Agnes (who died at the age of twenty-four years), Emma, Minnie, Jane and Lizzie.

In 1904 Mr. Deppen married Mrs. Sarah A. (Kerr) Stewart, widow of James Gordon Stewart. Mrs. Deppen had eleven children by her first marriage, James (who has a son, James Edward), Mary, Edward, Sadie, Jane, and six who died young. Twenty years ago Mrs. Deppen and her first husband, with six children, went from Pittsburgh to Seattle, Wash., where they kept house for a year, then moving to Portland, Oregon. Mr. Stewart then went to California, thinking he would like it better, but as he did not he returned to Oregon, and they kept house there for two years. The youngest child died and was buried out there, after which the rest of the family returned to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Stewart died. In a few years Mrs. Stewart, with her youngest daughter, went out again to Oregon, where she has two married daughters. On the trip out eight mountain robbers held up the train six miles out of St. Paul, at Fergus Falls, Minn.; blowing the express car to pieces with dynamite, and this delayed them so that it was eight days before they arrived in Portland. Mrs. Deppen stayed there a year with her two daughters, returning to Pittsburgh. One of her sons lives in Lancaster, Ohio, one in Coraopolis, Pa.; one of her daughters lives in Harrisburg. She has one sister living in Pittsburgh, and one in Shiremanstown, Pa., and two brothers in Washington, D. C.

Joseph and Sydney Ann (Horn) Kerr, parents of Mrs. Deppen, were natives of Allegheny county, Pa., and the father was a tailor by occupation. He was a Scotch Presbyterian in religious faith. He died in 1869, and is buried in the South Side cemetery, at Pittsburgh, while the mother, who died in 1885, is buried at Baltimore. They had a family of thirteen children, Lizzie, Robert, Thomas, Julia, Emma, Sarah A., and seven who are deceased.

Mrs. Sydney Ann (Horn) Kerr belonged to a noble German family. Her father came to America when young, and here passed the remainder of his life. His father, a man of wealth and high rank, died, and the son was notified and summoned to claim his inheritance, but he was afraid to cross the ocean, and never received the property.

WILLIAM S. DEPPEN, son of Alexander, was born

July 13, 1861, was reared to farming, and has followed that calling all his life. On March 26, 1884, he began farming the place in Jackson township then owned by his grandfather, Abraham Deppen, which he cultivated for the next fourteen years. The following two years he farmed for Joseph Tressler, and then for two years for his father on a 165-acre farm in Little Mahanoy township. In the spring of 1901 he moved to his present farm in the same township, near Dornsife, a tract of fifty-nine acres located on the north side of Mahanoy creek, formerly the homestead of Michael Peifer. Mr. Deppen remodeled and enlarged the house and has since resided on this place. He is an energetic and prosperous farmer, a substantial member of the community and a citizen willing to do his duty in every relation of life. He served three years as school director in Jackson township, and in 1910 was reelected for his second term in that office in Little Mahanoy. He is a Democrat in political faith.

On Sept. 16, 1883, Mr. Deppen married Emma Last, daughter of David Last, and they have one daughter, Ada V., now the wife of Irwin Peifer (son of George C. Peifer) and mother of three children, Elmer L., Eva and Vera. The family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Pump Station, which Mr. Deppen has served officially as deacon and elder.

David Last, father of Mrs. Deppen, was a cooper by trade, and lived in the Kratzerville district in Snyder county. He died about 1867, when about forty-nine years old, and is buried at Hadley's Church in Snyder county. His wife, Harriet (Leitzel), daughter of John Leitzel, died about 1878, at the age of sixty-two, and is buried at the same place. They had three children: Mary, wife of Lewis Pontius; Ella, wife of Charles Wetzel; and Emma, wife of William S. Deppen.

George Deppen, grandson of Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was born June 21, 1787, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his brother William, as previously stated, in 1810. He was a lifelong farmer, and upon his removal from his native county settled on the farm now owned by Isaac Tressler, a tract one and a half miles north of Herndon. This place he sold, and purchased an adjoining farm, on which stood a gristmill. From the latter property he removed to the farm now owned by his grandson, Samuel Deppen, a fine place of fully 200 acres in Jackson township. He died Feb. 7, 1850, and his wife, Maria Magd. Greise, a native of Berks county, born April 3, 1785, long survived him, dying Aug. 11, 1869. They are buried at St. Peter's Church, in Mahanoy township. He and his family were Reformed members of St. Peter's, which was a union church, and he served as an official; he was an old-line Whig in political opinion. To





Mr. and Mrs. Deppen were born four children, namely: Rebecca, who married John Haas, of Sunbury; William; John, who died in Herndon; and Isaac, who spent much of his life at Herndon and died in Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

William Deppen, eldest son of George, born in 1814, was a merchant in Jackson township and other places in this county for forty years, at one time owned much real estate, and was a prominent man in his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville when a young man, and was subsequently at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, for eighteen years. In the spring of 1860 he located at Trevorton, where he was a merchant for about two years, until his retirement from business. He died Jan. 8, 1876, and is buried at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. His wife, Susan Lantz, who survived him, was of Lower Augusta township, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Mary, Samuel, William (all three died young), Benjamin F., George W., Richard L. (of Shamokin) and Sarah A. (married and living in Trevorton). George W. Deppen, who was cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, died in January, 1909.

Benjamin F. Deppen, son of William, was born in 1847 in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. He was appointed station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Trevorton, and held that position for twenty years, in 1889 engaging in the mercantile business at that place. He married Susan Herb, who died in 1888, leaving four children, viz.: Laura M., Susan M., Samuel H. and William R. Mr. Deppen is a Republican in politics.

John Deppen, son of George, was born July 4, 1815, in Jackson township, and died Dec. 11, 1893, at Herndon, where he had lived retired for ten years. He followed farming during his active years, owning the place which is now the property of his son Samuel. He was a devout Christian, he and his family worshiping with the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He and his brother William married sisters, his wife being Catharine Lantz; she was born Nov. 16, 1819, and died Jan. 7, 1889, the mother of four children: Mary married Albert Holshue; Samuel is mentioned below; William H., born March 15, 1856, died Dec. 10, 1877 (he married Kate Tressler, and they had two sons, Irwin and William, both of whom live at Harrisburg, Pa.); Susan married William F. Bower.

SAMUEL DEPPEN, son of John, was born Sept. 5, 1853, in Jackson township, attended the common schools in the home district, and was reared to farm life. He worked for his parents until

he was twenty-four years old, in the spring of 1878 commencing to farm for himself on the homestead, where he continued for thirty years, in the spring of 1908 renting the farm and moving to Herndon, where he now makes his home. Since settling in the town he has driven a dray, doing all kinds of hauling. He is of the third generation of his family to own the old homestead, which is located on the road from Herndon to Dornsife. The house on the place is of logs, and was built about 1800, by a Schaffer. The present barn, 85 by 38 feet in dimensions, was built by Samuel Deppen in 1900 to take the place of the one destroyed by lightning Aug. 23d of that year, together with the year's crop, farm implements, and a horse and three head of young cattle.

Mr. Deppen has always been active and progressive, and has taken part in the local government to some extent. He was school director in Jackson township for the long period of twenty-one years, seven terms of three years each, and was president and treasurer of the school board many years, serving with honor and credit; his has been the longest record of service held by any one man up to this time in Jackson township. He and his family worship at St. Peter's Union Church at Mahanoy, of which his father and grandfather before him were active members and supporters.

In 1878 Mr. Deppen married Lucy Ann Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, of Jackson township. They have had three children: Carrie married W. P. Zartman, a lumber merchant of Shamokin, Pa.; Mamie married Calvin Ziegler and lives in Philadelphia; Susan married John Witmer and resides at Herndon.

STEPHEN A. PRAMUK, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born Aug. 20, 1872, in Austria, son of Andrew and Anna (Steffiek) Pramuk. The father, also a native of Austria, died in that country, and the widowed mother came to America with her four children. She now makes her home with her son Stephen in Shamokin. The family consisted of four children, as follows: Stephen A. and Andrew, twins, the latter now in his brother Stephen's employ; Michael, who lives in Shamokin; and Mary, married to Bert Yankoskie and living in Shamokin.

In the spring of 1882 Stephen A. Pramuk came to America with his mother, the family landing in New York City. Their first home here was in Clearfield county, Pa., where they remained only a short time, however, settling in Shamokin in 1883. Though a mere child at the time they lived in Clearfield county Stephen A. Pramuk was employed at the coke ovens there, and upon coming to Shamokin began work at the mines as a slate picker, later following mining. In 1896 he gave up that work and engaged in the hotel busi-





ness in the borough, continuing same for about six years, until he commenced his present business, in 1902. He has since been established at No. 314 South Market street, where he is engaged as a wholesale dealer in liquors, wines, beer, ale and porter, having a steady patronage. He is a man of good business ability and an excellent manager, as the growth of his trade testifies. On April 15, 1909, he was appointed receiver for the Shamokin Brewing Company. He still keeps up his interest in his former work as a director of the Miners' Loan Association. Socially he is a well known member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of St. Mary's Church and its affiliated societies. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Sept. 8, 1896, Mr. Pramuk was married to Matilda M. Zuschian, also of Austria, and they have had the following children: Mary, Stephen, Adolph, Clara, Bernard, Albert and Benjamin. The family live at No. 316 South Market street.

**PROF. SAMUEL G. SMITH**, of Trevorton, has been a teacher at the place for several years and has followed the profession in this county since 1887, though not continuously. He is connected with the high school. Mr. Smith was born in this county, at Leek Kill, March 21, 1870, and belongs to a family which has long been settled here. He is of the fifth generation in this country, his great-great-grandfather having emigrated from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he died.

Jacob Smith, great-grandfather of Professor Smith, came to this region from Berks county in the early days, before the Indians had left, and settled in what is now Upper Mahanoy township. He was a land owner and cleared considerable land, and also followed hunting and fishing, game being plentiful in these parts in his time. His children were: Jacob and John died in the West; Elizabeth married Solomon Shankweiler; Samuel married Sarah Arnold; Mary married John Core; Jonathan, who died at Greenbrier, this county, married Sarah Snyder; Peter, who died at Leek Kill, married Elizabeth Geist.

Samuel Smith, son of Jacob, owned the original homestead in Upper Mahanoy township and followed farming throughout his active years. He died upon his farm and is buried at Leek Kill. He married Sarah Arnold, whose father was a resident of Berks county, Pa., and they had children as follows: Daniel died at Trevorton; William is mentioned below; Louisa, now the only survivor of the family, is unmarried and living at Sunbury; Mary; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Stoplich and (second) William Raudenbush, died at Locust Dale, Schuylkill county; Sarah married Daniel Snyder, of Greenbrier; John died at Waverly, Iowa; Harriet married Henry Haas, and died

in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county; Catharine married Henry Snyder, and died at Danville, Pennsylvania.

William Smith, son of Samuel, was born in 1831, and lived on the original Smith homestead near Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township, spending all his life there. The farm consists of 135 acres of excellent land, and he was a thrifty and prosperous agriculturist. He was one of the most progressive men of his day, one of the first to advocate the establishment in his district of free schools, which at that time were not generally looked upon with favor, and served faithfully as school director, in which capacity he was able to accomplish much for the cause of free education. There were few men in the township better or more favorably known. For fifty years he was a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, and he was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, taking an active part in its work. His death occurred in 1907. Mr. Smith married Caroline Falck, daughter of Solomon Falck, of Greenbrier, this county, where she now resides. Four children were born to them: Richard F. is now a successful farmer at Enterprise, Oregon, where he took up a homestead; Savilla married E. D. Snyder, of Girardville, Pa.; Carolyn married H. G. Snyder, and lives at Girardville; Samuel G. is a resident of Trevorton.

Samuel G. Smith attended the public schools of his native township and was also for a short time a student at the academy at Gratz, Dauphin county. But as he was obliged to assist his father upon the farm he continued his studies at home, and by hard work fitted himself to take the State board examination, which he passed in 1887. He began teaching that year, and for five years was engaged at Greenbrier, after which he taught the school at Leek Kill for six years. His next charge was Diehl's school, and from there he went to the Zion school. For some time afterward he was engaged in business pursuits. Going to Frackville, he began clerking in a general store and was thus employed for a period of six months, following which he became manager for the Burd & Rogers branch store at Mount Carmel, where he remained until the store was closed out. In 1907 he settled at Trevorton, where he has since made his home, following his profession. Professor Smith has a high reputation as an educator, his conscientious, thorough work winning him friends among pupils and fellow teachers, and he is a citizen of recognized worth.

In 1890, Mr. Smith married Minnie J. Mengel, daughter of Manasses Mengel, and they have a family of five children: Carolyn, William, Howard, Herman and Esther. Carolyn graduated from the Trevorton high school in 1910. Mr. Smith is a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Evangelical Association.



WILLIAM WELTER, proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," at Brady, near Shamokin, Northumberland county, has the oldest stand of the kind in that district. He himself has done business there since 1904.

Mr. Welter was born Dec. 10, 1873, at Brady, Coal township, Northumberland county, son of Luke Welter, a native of Germany who came to America in young manhood and settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Later he moved to Brady, Northumberland county, among the early residents of that place, and there followed his trade, blacksmithing, to the close of his active life. He married Johanna Shissler, daughter of George Shissler, who came to America from Germany, bringing his family, and made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland county. Mr. Welter died July 4, 1904, Mrs. Welter surviving until August, 1906. They were the parents of the following named children: Peter, who lives at Brady; Annie, married to Jacob Bosch; Michael, living at Brady; William; and John, of Brady, who married Laura Fry.

William Welter received his education in the public schools and when ten years old went to work at the Greenback breaker, picking slate. In time he became a miner, and he was thus engaged until 1904, when he engaged in his present business, purchasing the old "Eagle Hotel" stand at Brady. He is an enterprising and obliging business man, and his place is well conducted and well patronized.

Mr. Welter is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, of Shamokin, and fraternally he belongs to the F. O. E.

**REED.** The Reed family of Little Mahanoy township is of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, and from the similarity of names between those of the earlier generations in Northumberland county and the posterity of the progenitor in Berks county there is no doubt that the branch in which we are interested descend from Johan Leonhard Rith, a German by birth, who was the ancestor of a numerous race. The name has undergone various changes in spelling.

Johan Leonhard Rith, born in 1691, died in 1747. He was one of the many of his nationality who suffered under the terrible oppression of Governor Hunter, of Schoharie, N. Y., his being one of the twenty-three German families who in 1723 fled through the wilderness in spite of the deep snow, to the land of the Tulpehocken in Penn's Province. That these early pioneers suffered terribly is well known. The awful cold, the primitive conditions, hunger, and the savage Indians made the journey nearly unbearable, but their undying faith in their Maker, and the comforting solace of the Bible, inspired them to superhuman efforts, and they finally reached their destination,

where peace was found beyond the power of the tyrant. John Leonhard Rith married Analisa Catrina, and their union was blessed by the birth of these children: (1) Johan Nicholas (born June 4, 1715, died Jan. 7, 1788) married Maria Barbara Seibert (born May 18, 1722, died Oct. 14, 1807), and had children, Jacob, Mrs. Jacob Schaeffer and Mrs. Jacob Anspach. (2) Johan George (born in 1717, died in 1791) married Catrina Elsa, and they had children, John Leonard, Catharine (married Henry Minnich, who removed to Virginia), Jonas, Peter and Frederick. (3) Johannes Friderick (born March 15, 1718, died Dec. 24, 1794) married Maria Engel, and they had a son, Jacob, whose son was John Jacob (married Eva Maria Seibert). John Jacob Rith was born April 10, 1770, and died Nov. 1, 1835, and George and Edward Reed, living at Ottawa, Ill., are of his descendants. (4) A daughter, Margaretha or Wilhelmina, married Heinrich Zeller. (5) Leonhard, Jr. (born Sept. 10, 1723, died April 28, 1801 or 1803). (6) Peter married Maria Catrina Ziegler, and they had three children, John, Barbara (married Jacob Moyer) and Catharine (married Adam Lehman). (7) Jacob (born in June, 1746, died March 28, 1821) married Margaret, and their children were: John Jacob, John and several daughters. John Jacob married Margarid Emerich, and among other children they had a son, John. John Jacob in 1840 sold his farm and went West, and some of his descendants now live in the vicinity of Dayton and Martinsburg, Ohio.

Johan Leonhard Rith was not the only one of that name, however, who had settled in Schoharie, N. Y., later to come to the Province of Pennsylvania before 1740, as it is thought that the following were all relatives, they coming from one place and settling permanently in the Tulpehocken Valley: Michael, Casper, Adam, George and Peter. Michael Ritt (Reith, Reed), one of the pioneers from the Livingstone Manor, and later of the Schoharie, N. Y., came to the Tulpehocken settlement in Berks county in 1723, and there took up land lying adjacent to the land of John Leonhard Rith and George Reith. The relationship of these three is not known, but there is no doubt that they were related, probably being cousins. The map of the Tulpehocken settlement made by Mr. Charles Lindenmuth, a very accurate piece of work made with much difficulty, shows the location of the Reith settlements. It was published in the "Pennsylvania German," Volume V. in October, 1904, and appeared also in a recent Berks county work.

The first ancestor of the Reed family in Northumberland county was Leonhard Ried, son of "John and Eva Maria Ried." In the record previously given, Johan Leonhard Rith had a son Johannes Frederick, whose son Jacob was the father of John Jacob, who married Eva Maria Sei-





bert. It would seem likely that this Leonard Ried was their son. He was born March 10, 1790, and died Feb. 22, 1852. His wife, Elisabeth, born Feb. 18, 1784; died Feb. 10, 1861. He was a native of Marion township, Berks county, and came to what is now Little Mahanoy township, in Northumberland county, before his marriage. His wife, whose maiden name was Dunkelberger, was a member of one of the very earliest families in what is now Little Mahanoy township. This couple experienced the hardships of life as entailed by the primitive conditions of the times. They settled on the tract of land which has since remained in the family, now owned by their grandson Samuel S. Reed, and Leonard Ried also followed his trade of stonemason in addition to farming, helping to lay the foundations for many houses and barns in the vicinity. He and his wife were Lutherans, members of the Little Mahanoy Church, where their remains rest. Their children were: William; Amos, who settled in Rockefeller township (his wife, Rebecca, born Aug. 21, 1826, died Nov. 23, 1850); Solomon; Catharine, who married Peter Fetterman; and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Shaffer.

William Reed, son of Leonard, was born March 16, 1811, and lived in Little Mahanoy township on the farm now owned by his son Simon F. Reed, of Shamokin. This property comprises fifty acres, and he had another tract, of forty-five acres, in the same township. A prominent man of his day, he was well known in public life and church affairs, having served as school director, constable and treasurer of his township, and as deacon, elder and trustee of the Lutheran congregation at the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a member, his family also belonging to that church. In politics he was a Republican. On April 8, 1834, he married Elizabeth Fegley, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Rothermel) Fegley. Mr. Reed died Oct. 27, 1880, Mrs. Reed surviving until Oct. 30, 1900, reaching the age of eighty-seven years, five months, nine days. They had children as follows: Hiram F.; William, who died in Nebraska Jan. 17, 1910; Maria, who married Benjamin Snyder; Caroline, who married Galen Smith; Simon F.; Daniel, of Shamokin; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Long; Jeremiah F., who died in 1877 (he was born in 1854); Hannah, who married George Buffington; and Freeman, of Shamokin (his wife, Lydia, born Feb. 21, 1862, died April 3, 1900).

SIMON F. REED, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born Jan. 15, 1846, on the homestead of his father, William Reed, in Little Mahanoy township. His education was obtained in the local public schools. Until he was twenty-seven years old he worked for his parents, meantime learning the miller's trade, which, however, did not agree with his health. In 1868 he began to learn the tanner's trade, which he continued to follow until

1882, in which year he took up farming on his own account. He was thus occupied for a number of years, until his removal in 1897 to Shamokin, where he has since made his home, residing at No. 800 West Pine street. Though not of recent years an active participant in public affairs, Mr. Reed was long one of the most popular officials in his township, which he served as auditor for a period of twelve years, as school director and as supervisor. In political connection he is a Republican. Like most of his family he is an active member of the Lutheran Church, he and his family attending services at Little Mahanoy Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee.

On Dec. 26, 1876, Mr. Reed married Emma J. Byerly, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Bower) Byerly, and the following children have been born to this marriage: John E., Beulah J., Molly M., Mary O., Sophia E., Maggie M., Isaiah and Emma A.

John E. Reed, son of Simon F. Reed, was born Dec. 7, 1877, in Little Mahanoy township, and there received his education in the public schools. He has lived in Shamokin since 1897, and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he follows, and in which he has been quite successful. Since 1906 he has owned his own home, at No. 44 South First street. On March 17, 1901, Mr. Reed married Rosa Schlegel, daughter of Daniel Schlegel, and they have had two children: Francis, born Oct. 31, 1901, and Forrest, born Dec. 2, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Lutheran Church.

Solomon Reed, son of Leonard, was born on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned and occupied by his son Samuel S. Reed, which contains thirty-eight acres of cleared land and some woodland. He followed farming during the summer season, in winter finding plenty of work at his trade, that of wheelwright. He prospered, and acquired another farm property, the tract of 112 acres in the Mahantango Valley, about one mile from the Stone Valley church, now owned by Daniel Schmeltz and Isaac Reitz; he built the frame house which now stands on that place. He took an interest in all local affairs, serving as supervisor and school director of his township, and as deacon and elder of the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. In politics he was a Republican. He died Aug. 7, 1901, aged seventy-nine years, one month, eleven days, and his wife, Catharine (Shaffer), daughter of Jacob Shaffer, died Nov. 19, 1895, aged seventy years, six months. They had children as follows: Susanna married Isaac Reitz; Isaac, born in 1849, died in the Mahantango Valley in 1869; Alexander died at the homestead; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Hiram is a resident of Little Mahanoy; Henry M. is mentioned below; Emma J. is the widow of Daniel Reitz; Sarah married E. B. Raker.





SAMUEL S. REED, son of Solomon Reed, was born June 16, 1854, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township which he still occupies, this having been the property of his grandfather, Leonard Ried. He received his education in the local schools and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained the age of twenty-seven, at which time he married. In 1881 he began farming on his own account in Jackson township, on the place now owned by John Daniel, and continued to reside there for twenty years, farming the land on shares for his father-in-law, Daniel Kobel. He then purchased his father's place, owning seventy-two acres, forty-five of which have been cleared, and has since lived on the property. The old part of the dwelling was built by Leonard Ried in 1833, and the newer part by his son Solomon in the seventies. The barn was built by the present owner in 1908. Mr. Reed is an active citizen of his community, has served as supervisor of his township, and is at present a member of the school board, to which he was elected in the spring of 1910. He is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Krebs Church at Mahanoy, which he has served officially as deacon and elder.

On Dec. 25, 1880, Mr. Reed married Catharine Kobel, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Kerstetter) Kobel, and they have had thirteen children, among whom were: Francis (who died aged twenty-one years), Emma J. (married William Peifer), Daniel, Charles (who is a blacksmith), Katie, Sallie, Cora, Adam, Lena May.

HENRY M. REED, son of Solomon Reed, was born Sept. 30, 1859, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by his brother Samuel S. Reed. He was reared to farming from boyhood, and at an early age learned the trade of wheelwright, as well as carpentering, practically growing up with a knowledge of such work. For about one year he worked as carpenter for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and was at one time wheelwright and blacksmith for the William P. Zartman Lumber Company. In 1882 he began farming on the homestead, continuing there until 1903, when he moved to the fine farm in Little Mahanoy which he has since occupied, and which he purchased in August, 1902. It was formerly owned by Samuel Dornsife, and had been in the Dornsife family for many years. The original tract owned by the Dornsifes was much larger, however, Mr. Reed having 124 acres, some of which is in timber. There is excellent water, flowing near to the house. Mr. Reed is an up-to-date agriculturist, and his property is in excellent condition. Mr. Reed is a thorough mechanic, and during the winter months is employed at such work. He has taken considerable interest in the local public welfare, and has served six years in succession as member of the school board,

of which he was treasurer throughout that period. He is a Republican on political questions.

Mr. Reed married Anna Dornsife, daughter of Samuel Dornsife, and five children have been born to this union: Edwin, who married Emma Shaffer; David; Susan, wife of Roy Eyster; Minnie M., and Henry J. The family are Lutherans, belonging to the Little Mahanoy Church, where Mr. Reed has been deacon and elder.

GEORGE W. MILLER, a prominent farmer and fruit grower of Shamokin township, was born there April 21, 1857, upon the old homestead taken up by his great-great-grandfather. The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, Sr., commonly called "Hunter George," emigrated from Germany some time during the seventeen hundreds, and after taking up considerable land in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, built his little log house near the large spring of water on the Miller farm. In the year of 1792 his son John Miller purchased from him this land, called Pine Grove, and "Hunter George" took up some land near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., where he lived the remainder of his days. George Miller, Sr., derived his name of "hunter" from his love of the chase, as he seldom did anything but hunt, fish and take up lands.

John Miller, the son of George Miller, Sr., and great-grandfather of George W. Miller, was born in 1759. In 1785 he married Catharine Raber, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George, David, Elizabeth and Sarah. He died Feb. 10, 1804, at the age of forty-five, his wife, who survived him many years, dying Aug. 19, 1854, at the age of eighty-five years. John and Catharine Miller are buried in the old Baptist graveyard near Deiblers station, in Shamokin township.

George Miller, the oldest son of John Miller and grandfather of George W. Miller, was born June 17, 1794, upon the homestead. He married Dec. 23, 1820, Mary M. Startzel, daughter of George and Elizabeth Startzel, and by this marriage there were twelve children: Elizabeth (deceased), who married Daniel Smith; Catharine (deceased), who married Silas Farrow; John J., who died in Iowa in 1861; Rosetta, of Rutherford, N. J., who married Samuel Lewis; Amandus S., who married Hannah J. Wolverton (parents of George W. Miller); Russia (deceased), who married Dr. Aaron Savidge; Juliann (deceased), who married Rev. Ephraim Barker; Allison R., who died in Illinois in 1870; William Johnson, of Springfield, Ill.; Clara L. (deceased), who married Dr. Isaac Huff; Emma, who married John Epler; and one son who died in infancy.

Previous to the construction of the Reading Center turnpike this locality was not developed



to any extent. Mr. Miller was one of the most enterprising men of his day. After clearing his land and assisting in constructing the turnpike he moved from his little log house by the spring into the large house he built along the pike. He then built a large stone barn, in 1818, and when the stage began running Mr. Miller opened a hotel, which he conducted in connection with his farms until the Northern Central railroad was built. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled a number of the township offices. He died July 24, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his wife dying three weeks later. They are buried at the Blue Church.

Amandus S. Miller, second son of George Miller and father of George W. Miller, was born upon the homestead Sept. 13, 1828, and there grew to manhood. He received a common school education and improved his opportunities so well that in early manhood he commenced teaching in the public schools, which experience undoubtedly accounted for the interest he always took in the cause of education. He was an influential citizen and highly respected, not only foremost in business matters but looked up to on various other questions. He engaged in farming on an extensive scale, cultivating some four hundred acres. Although he never sought public office he was continuously a member of the Shamokin Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and assessor, and treasurer of the school board for years. Mr. Miller accumulated a large amount of property in Shamokin township and borough. He died Feb. 21, 1906, and was widely mourned. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith a Lutheran.

Amandus S. and Hannah J. Miller are buried in the St. Jacob's cemetery, near Reeds station. Ten children were born to their marriage: Florence V., who died when twenty-three years old; Ida M., deceased, who married John M. Kline; George W.; Silas W., deceased, who married Maggie Kase; Laura E., of Elysburg, Pa., who married W. H. O. Dyer; Julia F., of Shamokin, Pa., who first married Elsworth Dyer (deceased) and then W. F. J. McKee; Addison C., of Sunbury, Pa., who married Lizzie Snyder; John A., deceased; Cora E., deceased, who married Elwood Yocum; and Lulu V., who married Harry E. Snyder.

George W. Miller was born on the homestead and brought up to farming and received a common school education. When twenty-two he entered the academy at Lewisburg and in the spring of 1879 he returned to farming, for his grandfather, and in connection taught school eight winters in Shamokin township. In July, 1880, Mr. Miller's grandparents died, three weeks apart, and the following fall, on Sept. 30, 1880, Mr. Miller married Rosanna Vastine, of Montour county. He

continued farming his grandfather's farm for share until the expiration of the lease in 1884, when he and his brother Silas W. Miller purchased their grandfather's land and divided it north and south, George W. retaining the old homestead, to the cultivation of which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention. He has 135 acres of land and his place is known as one of the finest along the pike. He makes a specialty of fruit growing, and has marketed as many as fifteen hundred bushels of peaches in a season. In 1899 he was elected justice of the peace, and efficiently filled that office for five years; for four years he served as tax collector; and is now filling the office of overseer of the poor for the sixth year. He is a leading member of the Democratic party in his locality, and in religion is a Lutheran, a member of the St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church.

George W. and Rosanna V. Miller are the parents of nine children: Gussie May, deceased; David Otto, deceased; Florence Virginia, deceased; Ruth Ann; Blanche Helen; John Vastine; Janet; George Clyde, and Russell Conwell.

**KURTZ.** The Kurtz family to which J. U. and Amandus Kurtz, brothers, both farmers of Turbut township, Northumberland county, belong came to this region from New Jersey, where the former was born. They are sons of Andrew Kurtz and grandsons of Henry Kurtz, who had brothers John and George. Henry Kurtz's children were: Henry and William died in Northampton county, Pa.; Jeremiah died in Monroe county; Andrew is mentioned below; Samuel died at Easton, Pa.; Levi died in Columbia county, Pa.; Amelia died in infancy; Charity died in Northampton county.

Andrew Kurtz, son of Henry, moved to Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1842, and after one year's residence there moved (in 1843) to Northumberland county, purchasing a farm in East Chillisquaque township on which he settled. He followed farming, and was also extensively engaged in lime burning, producing more lime than any other one man in that vicinity. He became one of the foremost citizens of his community, filling nearly all the township offices, and he was a highly respected man, holding the confidence of his fellowmen to an unusual degree. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a stanch Lutheran, as was also his wife, they being members of the church at Milton. When the church edifice was destroyed in the great fire at Milton he was one of the principal movers in the work of rebuilding, toward which he contributed largely. He married Sarah E. Diehl, who died at their old home in April, 1882, and he survived until March, 1885. They were the parents of nine children, only four of whom, however, reached maturity: Sophia, Mrs.





John Fetzer; J. U.; Amandus; and Sarah, wife of Abram Clemens, a farmer of East Chillisquaque township.

J. U. KURTZ was born in October, 1840, in Hunterdon county, N. J. His education was obtained in the public schools of Chillisquaque township, which at that time were conducted for only three months each year, during the season when the pupils were not needed to assist with the work at home. Mr. Kurtz spent his summers working with his father on the farm and at lime burning, continuing thus until he was nineteen years old. In 1861, upon the breaking out of the Civil war, he enlisted under Colonel Stewart for three months, at the expiration of which term he re-enlisted, for three years, in Company A, 6th Pennsylvania Reserves. He received an honorable discharge, on account of disability, after twenty-three months of service. After the close of his service he went to Williamsport, Pa., where he was engaged in the lumber business for five years, in 1868 settling upon his present farm in Turbut township, which has been his home continuously for over forty years. It consists of ninety-two acres of fertile land, upon which he erected a house in 1870 and a barn in 1908. He continued the active work of farming until 1909, since when he has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. Mr. Kurtz has never taken any active part in public affairs, but he was for many years an interested member of the Grange, P. of H., in Turbut township, which he long served as trustee and treasurer. He is also a member of Henry Wilson Post, G. A. R. In political matters he is a Democrat.

In 1863 Mr. Kurtz married Sarah E. Bartoe, daughter of Paul and Rebecca (Lutz) Bartoe, of Columbia county, Pa. The Bartoe family moved to that section from Northampton county and the Lutz family lived formerly in Huntingdon county, Pa., and still earlier in Berks county. The name is also found with the spelling Lotts. Many of the family reside in Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have been born twelve children: George McClellan married Ida Ammon and their children are Leroy, Martha, Howard, Robert, Wilson, George and Alice; William Andrew continues to live at home; Edward E. married Elizabeth Royer, of Lewisburg, and they have children, Florence, Warren, Ethel, Clarence, Laviere and Oran; Elizabeth married John Bender, and has four children, Josiah, Mary, Sarah and Mildred; Margaret married Calvin Hoy and has one son, Paul; Ida married George Sypher and has one child, May; Elsworth married Emma Gibson; Harriet M. married Harry Karchner and has one child, Clifton; Mary Ellen married Elijah Derr and is the mother of two children, Sarah and Robert; Anna married John Dunkell and has a daughter, Ruth; Clara Jane married George Berkheimer and has one

child, Lister; Bessie F. married Irwin Pick and has one child, George. Mr. Kurtz and his family are Lutherans, members of the Follmer Church, in which he has held official position.

AMANDUS KURTZ, son of Andrew and Sarah E. (Diehl) Kurtz, was born Jan. 1, 1843, in Northampton county, Pa., and was quite young when he came with his parents to Northumberland county. He was reared on the old home farm, in his boyhood attending the local schools and later working with his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-three years old. He has continued to follow farming since he began work on his own account. In 1874 he bought the old Krist farm of about 104 acres in Turbut township, good land with excellent water facilities, and thereon he has erected substantial outbuildings, his property being in fine condition. The third reunion of the Kurtz family was held at his place in the summer of 1909 and was a great success. The first meeting was held at the home of Abram Clemens, his brother-in-law, and the second at the home of his brother J. U. Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz has not only become well known in his district as a good farmer, but also as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, having given evidence of his sterling qualities in his faithful performance of the duties of various public offices. While in Chillisquaque township he was school director for six years, and he has served in that office for the same period in Turbut township, where he has also acted as supervisor. In political connection he is a Democrat, and he has been an interested member of the Grange for a number of years. His church connection is with the Trinity Lutheran congregation of Milton.

Mr. Kurtz married Mary C. Shade, daughter of Samuel H. Shade, of Montour county, Pa., and they have had a large family: Herbert E. married Lillie Koser and they are living at Kelly Cross Roads, Union Co., Pa.; Andrew S. married Ida Stamm and their home is in the borough of Milton; Cora A. married O. J. Stocker and they are also residents of Milton; Sallie M. married C. E. Raup; Mazzie was accidentally killed when seven months old; Maggie B. married C. S. Murray and is living in Turbut township; Eva M. is at home; Albert, of Sunbury, married Edith Rank; John A. married Maude Barber and they live at Seattle, Washington.

ELIAS E. BOWER, engaged in farming near Mandata, in Lower Mahanoy township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to live in this region, where his great-grandfather, J. Matthias Bauer, settled in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

J. Matthias Bauer was a native of Berks county, Pa., born near Reading March 6, 1754. Tradition and records apparently relating to him credit him





with service in the Revolutionary war. About 1794 he came with his family to Northumberland county and settled in that part of Jordan township then still known as Jackson township, on the farm now owned by Jonathan M. Byerly. He himself erected the first set of buildings there, having been a carpenter. But he took to farming, having "taken up" and purchased between five hundred and six hundred acres of land; 133 acres of this land have never been out of the family name since he took it up. He was a small man, industrious and energetic, and it is related that he enjoyed a "scrap" occasionally. He prospered in his work, and was a useful member of society. He died May 1, 1837, and is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, having been a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically he was a strong Democrat. His wife, Catharine, born Jan. 1, 1760, died Nov. 25, 1836, and she is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. She bore him children as follows: Frederick, who died in Indiana; Jacob, who died in Ohio; Michael, who died in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa.; Samuel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry Witmer; and another daughter who married Samuel Wolf, and they settled in Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Bower, son of J. Matthias, was born in Berks county, March 11, 1790, and was a mere child when his parents came to Northumberland county, Pa. He died Sept. 12, 1867. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Bitterman, he had one son Aaron, who lived in Illinois. For his second wife he married Catharine Witmer, daughter of Matthias Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township. She was born Feb. 12, 1795, and died Sept. 13, 1873. By this union there were two children: Elizabeth, who married Carl Rothermel; and Elias W.

Elias W. Bower, son of Samuel, is now a retired farmer of Jordan township, where he was born May 3, 1832. He attended the old subscription schools of his day for terms of two or three months, and worked for his parents. He was married early, Aug. 20, 1850, and the second year of his marriage began as a tenant on his father's farm, farming with and for him many years. When Samuel Bower died Elias W. purchased the homestead, which he continued to farm until his retirement, in 1896. He now lives in a house near the homestead buildings. His farm consists of 133 acres, 120 acres of which are under cultivation. He himself erected nearly all the buildings on the farm, as well as part of the house where he lived. In August, 1897, his barn was destroyed by fire, with the season's crops, causing a heavy loss, only partly covered by insurance. Mr. Bower has been a busy man, and a successful one, and his integrity and trustworthiness have been recognized by his neighbors, who have chosen him to serve as supervisor and school director. He is a

Democrat in politics. He is a tall, bearded old gentleman, of pleasing appearance, and well liked by all who know him.

Mr. Bower married Sarah Phillips, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Cable) Phillips, granddaughter of Johann Adam Phillips. Mrs. Bower was born July 16, 1832. She was the mother of thirteen children: Harriet is the widow of Samuel Bohner; Elizabeth married William Wert; Levi is deceased; Galen lives in Jordan township (his wife Lizzie J., born Oct. 6, 1849, died March 30, 1890); Susanna married Daniel Schlegel; James M., born July 30, 1859, was accidentally killed July 30, 1886; Morris is a resident of Royalton, Pa.; Sivila married Michael Hepner; Cyrus is married and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel is married and lives in Jordan township; Elias E. is mentioned below; Mary married Jeremiah Miller; Henry is a resident of Jordan township. Mr. Bower and his family are Lutheran members of the Urban (St. Paul's) Church, and he has given faithful service in all the official positions.

Elias E. Bower was born May 20, 1869, and grew up as a typical farm boy. He has continued to farm all his life. For eight years he hired out among farmers in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1897, in Jordan township, where he was located for seven years—two years on Elias Bower's farm and five years on his father's 140-acre farm. He then farmed the Gabriel Adam farm, in Lower Mahanoy, for two years, thence moving to the Mahantango Valley, where he purchased a 116-acre tract which he cultivated two years. Selling that place, he farmed the Mary Adams place for one year, and then moved back to the Serenus Hepner farm for two years, from there coming to his present place in the spring of 1909. The farm he now owns consists of 156 acres, and was the Jacob Still place, Henry Peifer owning it before his day. It was located a quarter of a mile north of Mandata.

In March, 1896, Mr. Bower married Alice M. Wetzel, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Glase) Wetzel, and by this union there are three children: Monroe L., William B. and Maud K. Mr. Bower and his family are Lutherans in religion, and on political questions he is a Democrat.

William F. Bower, of Herndon, Pa., is a native of Jackson township, born Jan. 23, 1858, son of Jacob Bower. His grandfather, Jacob Bower, was one of the sons of J. Matthias Bauer, mentioned above, and was a native of Berks or Montgomery county, coming to Northumberland county in early life. He located in what was then Mahanoy township, and became a prosperous farmer, owning several tracts of land. In about 1835 he moved to Ohio, in the vicinity of Akron, where he lived until his death. His wife would not ac-



company him to Ohio, remaining in Northumberland county, where she died. She is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: Henry, who lived in Illinois; Michael, born Sept. 12, 1812, who died Jan. 29, 1890, in Jackson township (his wife, Leah, born Sept. 15, 1815, died March 20, 1875); and Jacob.

Jacob Bower, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Northumberland county, Pa., in 1817, and died near Herndon in 1902, aged eighty-four years, nine months. He is buried at Mahanoy Church. He was a farmer in Jackson township, owning a 200-acre tract on which he lived from 1848. The farm is now owned by Isaac Tressler, a son-in-law. Mr. Bower held local offices, and was a prominent citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Haas, died in 1861. They had five children: Cyrus; Wilhelmina, who married Isaac Tressler, a farmer of Jackson township; Mary, who is unmarried; A. Clinton, of Shamokin; and William F.

William F. Bower was reared to farm life. His home was at the mouth of the Mahanoy creek, and he was educated in the local public school. When twenty-two years old he was licensed to teach public school, and in 1881 he began teaching in Jackson township, being thus engaged four terms. He then clerked in the store, and in 1884 began farming in Jackson township, following that work three years. In 1887 he came to Herndon, where he has since lived. He started the first livery in the town, keeping three or four horses busy. He is a substantial citizen, and his public services have made him one of the best known men in the vicinity. When the borough of Herndon was incorporated, in 1902, Mr. Bower was elected to the council and has ever since been a member of that body with the exception of one year. He is now the president of the council. He was at one time auditor of Jackson township. He is a Democrat, and has been committeeman of his party.

On May 24, 1881, he married Susan Deppen, daughter of John and Catharine (Lantz) Deppen, and they have had two children: Katie, who is a graduate of the Herndon schools, and has taught school a number of terms; and Walter, who is still a student. Mr. Bower and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

**MATTERN.** The Matterns of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, represent one branch of a family that settled in the adjoining township of Eldred, in Schuylkill county, in an early day, and they and other Matterns of eastern Pennsylvania are descended from one Peter Mattern, who in 1790 was a resident of Berks county, Pa. In 1802 he lived in Upper Mahantango township, then a part of Berks county but since 1804 embraced in the territory of Schuylkill county. He was a farmer by occupation. Among his children were sons Peter, Jr., and

Daniel, the line in which we are interested being the posterity of the latter. The Matterns of Berks county are descendants of Peter Mattern, William J. A. Mattern, chief clerk for the commissioners of Berks county, tracing his line through the son Daniel also.

Daniel Mattern came from Upper Mahantango township to Eldred township before 1800, when the region was all covered with forest, and took up a tract of 160 acres which he cleared. This is now the farm of George Maurer. He built a log house and a log barn, the first buildings to be erected upon the property, in the ownership of which he was succeeded by his son Daniel. He married Rosina Schollenberger, also of Berks county, and they had children as follows: David settled in Schuylkill county, where he died; Polly married Jacob Lubold and both are deceased; Joseph lived in the vicinity of Lenhartsville, Pa.; Nathan is mentioned below; Susanna married George Neiswender; Elias, now (1910) eighty-four years old, lives in Schuylkill county; Frank lived and died in Schuylkill county; Daniel is mentioned below.

Daniel Mattern, son of Daniel, was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, was reared there, and followed farming in his native township until a few years before his death. He owned a tract of 160 acres. He then retired and moved to Ashland, where he lived with one of his sons, and where he died when about seventy-six years old. He is buried at Kehler's Church, in Schuylkill county. Mr. Mattern was a tall man and well built. He married Lydia Diehl, daughter of Michael Diehl, and they had children as follows: Amos; Samuel, who was a rover, never making a permanent settlement; Daniel, who died in his sixteenth year; Michael, who never married; and Solomon, born July 28, 1853, who died unmarried Oct. 3, 1891, at the home of his brother Amos.

AMOS MATTERN, son of Daniel, was born May 12, 1845, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and there lived until within a few months of his majority, meantime receiving his education in the local public schools. He has since lived in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming, in which he has been very successful. For thirty-three years he owned and lived upon a tract of 110 acres in the northern part of the township, in the spring of 1909 moving to his present home, near Leck Kill. There he has a twelve-acre tract lying along the main road from Herndon to Minersville. Mr. Mattern has been a public spirited citizen, and has served as school director and for six years as supervisor of Upper Mahanoy township, where he is regarded with respect by all who know him.

On Aug. 7, 1869, Mr. Mattern married Amelia Herb, who was born Oct. 19, 1847, daughter of Daniel Herb, and died Aug. 1, 1890. Seven chil-





dren were born to this union: James, who lives in Philadelphia; Felix D.; William H., of Schuylkill county; Edward H., who died in infancy; Lizzie, wife of A. Jackson Brosius; Monroe, of Upper Mahanoy township (his wife, Sylvia S., died Sept. 29, 1901, aged twenty-two years, five months, twenty-four days); and Charles D., of Shamokin. In 1891 Mr. Mattern married (second) Catharine Cevilla Hornberger, daughter of George W. and Caroline (Schankweiler) Hornberger, of Upper Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of George Hornberger. There is one son by this marriage, George Calvin, who was educated in the public schools and at Hepler's select school and began teaching public school in the fall of 1909, being at present engaged in Upper Mahanoy township. Mr. Mattern and his family are Lutherans in religious connection. In politics he is a Democrat.

FELIX DANIEL MATTERN, son of Amos, was born March 23, 1872, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared to that occupation, and meantime received his education in the local public schools. In the spring of 1897 he commenced farming on his own account in his native township, renting for several years before he felt justified in buying farm land. In 1902 he came to the 120-acre property he has ever since cultivated, and which was formerly a Geist homestead. He has made a number of improvements on the place, has a full line of modern farm implements to facilitate his work, and has had encouraging success in the production of his crops as well as their disposal, attending the Shamokin markets. He is an intelligent and active citizen, and has served eight years as overseer of the poor in his district. He has been interested in the success of the Democratic party from a political standpoint, and has twice served as election judge in his precinct.

On Dec. 21, 1895, Mr. Mattern married Clara Ida Geist, daughter of Andrew and Polly (Latsha) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they are the parents of three sons: Jesse L., Willard W. and Guy D. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church, which he formerly served as deacon.

Nathan Mattern, son of Daniel and Rosina (Schollenberger) Mattern, was born Jan. 27, 1823, in Eldred township, on his father's farm, where he grew to manhood. He learned the trade of carpenter and followed it in his earlier years, later becoming a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, on the farm where his son Aaron now lives. He owned this place, consisting of some sixty acres, as well as the seventy-five-acre tract now occupied by his son Jeremiah, in the same township. He was a well known resident of that section, a Lutheran member of Howerter's (St. Jacob's) Church and chorister for

many years; he sang at many funerals in the neighborhood. Mr. Mattern died May 25, 1907, aged over eighty-four years, and is buried at Howerter's Church. His wife, Sarah (Diehl), daughter of Johannes Diehl, was born Dec. 19, 1819, and died April 15, 1881; she, too, is buried at St. Jacob's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern had children as follows: Jeremiah; Joel, who has a family of five children; Aaron, who has a family of seven; Nathan, who has six children; Enoch, who is the father of ten children; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Brown and has three children; Sarah, who died in girlhood; John, who died in infancy; and Lydia, who died unmarried.

JEREMIAH MATTERN, son of Nathan, was born Nov. 2, 1849, on his father's homestead in Upper Mahanoy township. He was reared to farm life, but he possesses an unusual amount of mechanical ingenuity and has learned several trades without serving a regular apprenticeship at any. His success as a well driller and thresher is well known all over this section, and he has established an extensive business in the latter line, being very busy during the season. He was the first man to bring a steam threshing apparatus into Upper Mahanoy and the surrounding territory, in 1881, when farmers were still possessed with the fear that their buildings would be in danger of being set afire if they allowed such an outfit on the premises. It was at this time, also, that he purchased the stationary sawmill he still operates, and he does sawing as well as threshing for many of his patrons on their own premises. The lumber he saws for himself he sells to the coal mining town. He works one tract of his land in partnership with his sons, his son Charles living on the farm, which now comprises 185 acres. There were originally 227 acres in the property, but Mr. Mattern sold part of it. He owns another farm in the same township, the place where he resides. The house in which he lives has been greatly remodeled since it came into his possession, and the barn, though in excellent condition, has stood for many years, having been built by his father in 1872. He is one of the most successful men in his vicinity, and has been prominent in public as well as in business affairs, has served two years as supervisor, and is at present tax collector. In political faith he is a Democrat.

In 1875 Mr. Mattern married Catharine Reed, daughter of David and Sarah (Falck) Reed, and fourteen children have been born to this union: Emma J. married William Mattern, and they live over the line in Schuylkill county, on property adjoining her father's; Sarah E. died when eighteen years old; Daniel H. married Nora Klock and they live in Shamokin; David died when just one year old; Mary C. married Monroe Mattern and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Charles E., who lives on one of his father's farms in





Upper Mahanoy township, married Cecelia Snyder; Rosa C. married Harvey Snyder and they live in Upper Mahanoy; Edward, Katie S., Minnie L. and William G. are at home; one daughter died in infancy; Florence L. and Lizzie E. are at home. Mr. Mattern and his family worship at St. Jacob's Church, of which he has been a prominent member, having formerly served as deacon and at present holding the office of trustee.

DAVID L. DEWITT, late of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, lived and farmed for many years on the place now occupied by his widow and son Henry C. DeWitt, and was a much esteemed citizen of the community. He was born in August, 1844, son of Jacob DeWitt, and grandson of William DeWitt, whose father was Abraham DeWitt.

William DeWitt, born in 1798, died in 1870. He was a pioneer of Lower Augusta township, where he followed farming, owning the property now belonging to Jackson M. Engle. He was twice married, his second union being with Elizabeth (Betzy) Tressler, who was born in 1806 and died in 1876. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. The following children were born of the second marriage: Jacob is mentioned below; Isaac, born June 11, 1823, died Jan. 20, 1906, married Elizabeth Krissinger (born March 11, 1824, died Dec. 11, 1905) and they lived in the Hollowing Run section in Lower Augusta township; William W. married (first) Mary Ann Latsha, and (second) Elizabeth Bowersox, and lived in the Hollowing Run district and at Herndon before moving to his present home, in Riverside, this county; Moses, who was married and lived in Lower Augusta, died Feb. 27, 1881, aged forty-six years, six months, eight days; Paul married Abigail Shipman and they lived near Augustaville; Abraham married Sarah Renn, and they lived in Boyle's Run, in Lower Augusta township; Matthew lived in Rockefeller (originally Lower Augusta) township.

Jacob DeWitt, son of William, was a blacksmith by trade and occupation. He lived at Patricksburg, in Lower Augusta township, where he owned his home and a small tract of land, and died Oct. 14, 1889, aged sixty-nine years, six months, twenty-four days. A Presbyterian in religion, he belonged to the Mountain Church in Lower Augusta. He married Mary Clark, daughter of John Clark, and to them were born these children: David L., Elmira (wife of Albert Conrad and living at Reading, Pa.) and C. William. The last named, born July 22, 1850, lives in Lower Augusta township; he married Malinda DeWitt, daughter of William W. and Mary Ann (Latsha) DeWitt, and they have had eleven children, of whom but three survive, Daniel, Flavy and Rosa.

David L. DeWitt learned his father's trade, blacksmithing, but a few years after his marriage settled down to farming on the place in Lower Augusta where his widow continues to make her home. This was in 1878. The farm contains fifty-five acres, which at one time belonged to John Snyder, who also owned land now in the possession of Harry E. G. Ney, adjoining. Mr. DeWitt was a thrifty man and made a good living off this place, and that he was trusted by his fellow citizens is shown in his long service on the school board, of which he was also secretary. In politics he was originally a Democrat, after the Civil war period supporting the Republican party. He served several years in the Civil war. In religion he was a devout Methodist, active in church life, serving many years as class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday school, in fact he was one of the pillars of the church. He died in May, 1897, aged fifty-two years, nine months, nine days, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 27, 1868, Mr. DeWitt married Susan Snyder, daughter of John and Martha (Novinger) Snyder, of Lower Augusta township, the latter of whom came to this region from Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa. Five children were born to this union: John J., who lives in Lower Augusta township, married Hannah Radel, and their children are Violet E. and Catharine M.; Henrietta married Charles L. Culp, of Rockefeller township, and they have one son, Albert D.; Mary A. married Timothy E. DeWitt, of Sunbury, and they have had four children, Russell E., Lena A. (who died in infancy), Evelyn A. and Grace A.; George G. died when two and a half years old; Henry C. is now farming the home place for his mother and lives there. The last named was married Feb. 10, 1902, to Mary Wetzel, daughter of Isaac Wetzel, of Lower Augusta township, and they have three children, Ralph W., Sallie and Hazel I. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. DeWitt are Methodists in religious connection.

William W. DeWitt, son of William DeWitt, was born May 11, 1828, in Lower Augusta township, on the farm now owned by J. M. Engle. There he lived until he was about eighteen years old, after which he learned the trade of miller at Dornsife. For some time afterward he worked in the upper end of the Mahantango Valley, and also at Boalsburg in Centre county, in 1856 returning to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he purchased what is still known as the DeWitt mill property, now owned and operated by his eldest son, Daniel L. DeWitt, it having remained in the family continuously since. William W. DeWitt operated this mill for thirty years, from 1856 to 1886, and established the business on a most substantial basis. He then moved to Augustaville, whence after a few years



he moved to Herndon, and from there in 1897 to Riverside, his present home. He has lived retired since he gave up the operation of the mill. While living at Augustaville he served a five-years term as justice of the peace, and previously he had been school director of his district for a number of years. He has also been very active in church work, he and his family being members of St. Peter's New Lutheran Church, in Hollowing Run, which he has served as deacon, elder, trustee and Sunday school superintendent. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. DeWitt's first wife, Mary Ann (Latsha), daughter of Henry Latsha, died July 4, 1894, aged sixty-three years, one month, nineteen days, the mother of nine children: Malinda, Louisa, Daniel L., Miranda (born in 1860, died in 1881), Richard, Katurah, Thamer, Lizzie and William. In 1897 Mr. DeWitt married (second) Elizabeth Bowersox. No children have been born to this union.

DANIEL L. DEWITT, son of William W. DeWitt, was born July 18, 1856, in the old log cabin at DeWitt's Mill, in Hollowing Run, and he has spent all his life at that place. His early education was obtained in the local common schools, and later he attended the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove. When eighteen years old he entered the mill, and from that time until his father's retirement assisted him, learning the business thoroughly, both manufacturing and management. In 1886 he became owner and proprietor of this famous establishment, which has been a milling property ever since the development of the section began. It was originally built about 1785, the first mill in the Lower Augusta region or anywhere in this section, pioneer settlers from a wide territory bringing their grain to be ground. The original building still stands, but new gearing has been put in several times. It is a landmark in the community. Henry Masser owned it for some time, and Jonathan Harman succeeded him, the DeWitts having owned it since Mr. Harman's time. A forty-acre tract of land is connected with the mill property, and Mr. DeWitt has this farm under excellent and profitable cultivation. He has served as supervisor of his township, and for many years as deacon of the New Lutheran Church, of which he and his family are members. In politics he is a Democrat. A man of pleasant and genial disposition, he is a good companion and an intelligent, entertaining conversationalist.

On April 10, 1881, Mr. DeWitt married Thamer E. Bloom, daughter of John and Matilda (Shipman) Bloom, of Rockefeller township, and they have four children: Fannie, Grover C., George F. and Mary M.

**LEITZEL.** The Leitzel family of lower Northumberland county are the posterity of Godfried

Leitzel, who came hither from Berks county, Pa., and the earliest record we have of any of the name in Pennsylvania concerns one Johann Wolfgang Leitzel, who was one of the 216 passengers on the ship "Peggy," and qualified Sept. 24, 1753. He was thirty years old at that time. [Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, pages 399-401, Switzerland.]

Godfried Leitzel, born Nov. 8, 1770, came from Berks county to Northumberland county when a young man, locating in what was then known as Mahanoy township, where he married Magdalena Wagner, born March 25, 1769. He was a farmer, and was the first to obtain a warrant from the State for the 300-acre tract he owned in what is now Jordan township. Stock raising, however, was the industry in which he took the greatest interest, and he prided himself on keeping strong, valuable cattle, having big, fine horses, as many as fifty sheep at a time, and a number of cows. He died Nov. 1, 1848, his wife Jan. 6, 1840, and they are buried at the Hebe Church, in Jordan township. Their children were as follows: (1) Samuel, who lived and died at Uniontown, was twice married, the children of his first union being William, Elizabeth, Moses, Catharine and Solomon. By his second marriage there were Henry, Julian, Lydia and Sarah. (2) George, born Dec. 19, 1793, died Jan. 7, 1815. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and though a strong young man died of disease contracted during his service. (3) Elias, born Dec. 24, 1799, died unmarried Nov. 15, 1836, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. He was a stonemason, and helped to put up the first stone building in Pottsville. (4) Jacob was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Danville. He was unmarried. (5) Benjamin is mentioned below. (6) William married and moved from this region. (7) Lydia married Samuel Beissel. (8) Sophia married John Heckert. (9) Betzy married David Malich. (10) Helena (Lehna), born in 1808, died in 1809.

Godfried Leitzel had a brother who had sons George, Jacob, John and Joel, all four of whom lived in one community near New Berlin, Snyder Co., Pa. They reared families and their descendants still live in that locality.

In 1790 the Federal Census Report records the names of Frederick and Jacob Leitzel as heads of families in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., Frederick with wife and one daughter, Jacob with wife and four daughters.

Benjamin Leitzel, son of Godfried, was born Jan. 25, 1803, in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township, Northumberland county. He owned the 300-acre farm in Jordan township previously mentioned, and other land, near Klingerstown, and he was an enterprising worker, prospering in all he undertook. He followed farming during the





summer months, and weaving in the wintertime. For seven years he served as a captain in the State militia, the local troops drilling at Mahanoy, where they met twice a year, and the battalion days were also held there. He was a good disciplinarian, a man of medium size, and one who commanded respect wherever he went. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, and he held various church offices, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. Mr. Leitzel died Feb. 27, 1881, and is buried at Hebe. His wife, Elizabeth Byerly, daughter of Ludwig Byerly, born June 3, 1808, died March 20, 1891. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah married James Troutman; George B. is mentioned below; Lydia married William Troutman; Benjamin B. and David B., twins, are mentioned below; Elizabeth died young; twins died in infancy.

George B. Leitzel, son of Benjamin, is now one of the oldest residents of Upper Mahanoy township. He was born in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township Oct. 16, 1830, and was reared like the average boy in his neighborhood, having none of the advantages of free schools and advanced methods of training. But he acquired considerable practical information from the few books within his reach, and he had enough education to enable him to transact business intelligently, and to do his full share in administering the public affairs of the locality, his ability and trustworthiness being recognized to such an extent that he was called upon frequently to perform public service. From his youth he was trained to farm work, helping his father until he was nearly twenty-three years old, at which time his parents gave him a horse and buggy and turned over the cultivation of the 300-acre farm, which lies along the Mahantango creek in Jordan township. He has always been accustomed to handling horses, and has always owned one or more himself. After operating the home place for ten years he settled in the Schwabian Creek Valley in 1863, and for several years farmed an eighty-acre tract now owned by John Kahler. In 1868 he came to the farm where he now lives, a tract of 101 acres which was formerly owned by John Beissel, later by Isaac Kieffer and after him by Adam Arnold, whom Mr. Leitzel succeeded, acquiring it at an assignees' sale. The log house which Mr. Leitzel still occupies was built by Mr. Beissel in 1807 (the date was discovered in the west gable end when the house was being repainted, in 1909), and he also built the barn. The new house on the place, occupied by Mr. Leitzel's son Elmer, was built by Mr. Leitzel in 1902. He was always successful in his farm work, and at one time engaged in the sale of various farm implements. All his life he has taken an active interest in local events, and he enjoys a clear recollection of many phases of life in the early days in this locality. His is an

interesting personality, and he is known and respected far and near. He is a member of the Democratic party and has taken part in its councils, frequently serving as delegate to county conventions, which assembled at Sunbury. For nine successive years he served as school director of Upper Mahanoy township; was overseer of the poor four terms; supervisor one term; and has held several precinct offices. He and his family are prominent members of the Lutheran congregation of St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, which he has served four years as deacon; while in Jordan township he served fourteen years in succession as deacon, and two years as elder.

On July 23, 1853, Mr. Leitzel married Christina Schmeltzer, who was born Sept. 11, 1833, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Wolfgang) Schmeltzer, and died in 1863; she is buried at Hebe. Eight children were born to this union: Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Fetterolf, was burned to death, her clothing catching fire while she was burning rubbish in the garden; George died in infancy; Sarah and Hannah, twins, were born Sept. 13, 1856, and the former is now the wife of Jefferson Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy, the latter the wife of John H. Mullin, Esq., of St. Clair, Pa.; Cassie married John Snyder and they live at Frackville, Pa.; Daniel S. is mentioned below; Elias died in infancy; Lydia married Wash. Heddings and they live in Upper Mahanoy.

In January, 1864, Mr. Leitzel married (second) Catharine Schmeltzer, who was born Feb. 28, 1839, daughter of Daniel Schmeltzer, and sister to Mr. Leitzel's first wife. Mrs. Leitzel's eyesight has become so seriously affected that she is now almost blind. To this union have been born seven children: Samuel married Lizzie Schlegel and they live in Jordan township; Benjamin Elmer lives on his father's farm, as previously mentioned; Emanuel is mentioned below; Sophia married Charles Diehl and they live at Friedensburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Mary P. married Willis S. Weirick, and they live near Wiconisco, Pa.; Polly married Wesley Erdman and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Jennie married Albert Ziegler and they live at Dalmatia. The son Daniel S. and daughter Jennie were both born on Nov. 18, he in 1859, she in 1881. In 1909 Mr. George B. Leitzel had thirty-nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

DANIEL S. LEITZEL, son of George B. Leitzel, is one of the prominent citizens of Upper Mahanoy township, merchant and present postmaster at Leek Kill. He was born Nov. 18, 1859, in Jordan township, and received his education in the public schools of the home neighborhood. He was reared to farm life. When twenty-two years old he went to Bellevue, Ohio, where he lived for two years, returning to his native county. After working





on the farm one year he engaged in the hotel business at Shenandoah, where he conducted the "Farmers' Hotel" for three years. In 1883 he went to St. Clair, Pa., where he successfully carried on what was then known as the "Marshall House" (now the "Exchange Hotel") for one year. Mr. Leitzel spent the year 1891 traveling with his wife and son through the West, visiting many places of interest and journeying out to the Pacific coast. Upon his return he again engaged in the hotel business at St. Clair, continuing there for five years longer, after which they moved to Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and operated a farm for two years. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Leitzel purchased the old established store and hotel stand at what is known as Leek Kill, having the only licensed place in the township of Upper Mahanoy. The first part of this name is derived from a German word meaning to lick; the early settlers in the region would put salt in a glen or ravine in the forest near by for the deer, who would come to lick it and could thus be more conveniently shot than if they had to be hunted—hence the name Leek Kill, a place where they came to "leek" and be killed. The hotel was established by Peter Beissel (1801-1873) in 1825, and has been a licensed place ever since. The building is 76 by 45 feet in dimensions, and the western part, which is of stone, has stood for fully one hundred years. The eastern part was constructed some years later. The post office was established here by Emanuel Geist. The place is the business center of the township, and for many years it has been the local polling place. Mr. Leitzel has been hotel-keeper, storekeeper and postmaster since the spring of 1901, and he has made a thorough success of the business. His hotel is well patronized by the traveling public and residents of the locality, all of whom have a good word for Mr. and Mrs. Leitzel. The building is now heated with steam, and everything is conducted along modern lines. The store is well stocked with general merchandise and Mr. Leitzel does an extensive business, drawing his trade from a large area in this section, where he is not only well known but highly respected. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company, and was the moving spirit in the organization of the company, of which he is now a director.

Like his father Mr. Leitzel has been identified with the Democratic party for a number of years and wields considerable influence in its councils. He has been Democratic committeeman of his township since 1906, and has held the office of treasurer of the township since 1903. Such a record implies ability and satisfactory service to all concerned. Socially he is well known in the Masonic and Odd Fellows bodies, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of

Shamokin, and of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leek Kill. He is a past grand of Eureka Lodge, and a member of the Grand Lodge, having been elected at Scranton, and having served as delegate to the State conventions held at Scranton, Pittsburg and Harrisburg. For many years he has been treasurer of his home lodge.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Leitzel married Annie M. Geise, daughter of John B. and Lillie (Boyer) Geise, of Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they have had one son, Ray G. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. John's Church, of Upper Mahanoy township.

RAY G. LEITZEL, son of Daniel S. Leitzel, was born Nov. 27, 1889. He received a liberal education, attending the local schools and later the Keystone State normal school, at Kutztown, and he was licensed to teach public school in this county by Prof. W. W. Fetzer. He taught two terms in Upper Mahanoy, but he now gives all his time to assisting his father in the hotel and mercantile business. On Nov. 23, 1908, he married Edna Acaley, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Wagner) Acaley, of Williamstown, Pa., the former of whom was a mine foreman in Dauphin county, Pa. Two children have been born to this marriage, Lester L. and Pauline M.

Emanuel Leitzel, son of George B. Leitzel, was born in Upper Mahanoy township Oct. 28, 1869, and was there reared to agricultural pursuits, working for his parents until he reached his seventeenth year. At that time he became a clerk in his father's hotel at Shenandoah and was thus engaged for fifteen months. Later he clerked at St. Clair for his elder brother, Daniel S. Leitzel, one year, and one year for his brother-in-law, John Mullen, and on March 1, 1892, he went out to Stella, Cowlitz Co., Wash., where he was on a cattle range for four months. July 4, 1892, found him at Hot Springs, Ark. Returning to Pennsylvania he followed railroading as brakeman on the Reading road until 1907, since which year he has followed mining. For some years he and his wife lived at Frackville, where he still owns his home, in the spring of 1909 moving to Leek Kill. On April 20, 1905, he married Rosa Moyer, daughter of Wilson and Mira (Harring) Moyer. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Leitzel are members of the Lutheran Church, and socially he holds membership in Frackville Lodge, No. 823, I. O. O. F.

DAVID B. LEITZEL, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Byerly) Leitzel, was born in Jordan township Feb. 26, 1839. He was reared there, becoming accustomed to farm work from boyhood, and though he never learned the trade also became a proficient blacksmith, and was employed in a blacksmith's shop one winter. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-four years



old, and then spent a year in cattle droving, buying and selling cattle, this business taking him as far as Berks county. Before the Civil war period he had been farming on the paternal place, and he was there for some years afterward, until he bought a farm of seventy-seven acres near Klingerstown. After cultivating that place for seven years he sold it, and afterward lived there again for a time. In 1904 he came to his present home, which is a quarter of a mile west of Hebe, the tract containing forty-four acres. Mr. Leitzel has owned several farms at different times, and he has done well in his agricultural work, to which he has devoted practically all of his time. He has been a useful citizen, and his executive ability has received substantial recognition from his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to serve as township treasurer, supervisor and overseer of the poor. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Leitzel married Mary Troutman, daughter of George and Jestina (Clark) Troutman, who lived in Jordan township. They have had a family of eight children: William, of Uniontown, Pa., at present engaged as stage driver; Frank, deceased; Emma, wife of David Strohecker; Oscar, of Jordan township; Adam, of Jordan township; Jane, who married Elsworth Shaffer and lives at Shamokin; James, of Jordan township; and Jestina, who married Oscar Bohner, and died in 1908. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the church at Hebe.

BENJAMIN B. LEITZEL, twin brother of David B. Leitzel, was born Feb. 26, 1839, in Jordan township, and was reared like the ordinary farm boy of his time. His total attendance at school amounted to ninety-six days, for he not only had to help with the farm work in the summertime but in the winter helped thresh, riding the horses around on the threshing floor to beat out the grain. During the greater part of his independent business career he was engaged in hotel-keeping, in which line he was very well known in his day, keeping the hotel at Klingerstown for fully thirty years. He still lives at Klingerstown, where he now conducts a restaurant. Mr. Leitzel owns a thirty-acre tract in Lykens township, Dauphin county, upon which he lived for one year. He is a highly respected citizen of his community, and served some years as assessor of Upper Mahantango township. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, his family also attending that church.

Mr. Leitzel married Eve Elizabeth Tobias, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wiest) Tobias, and she died Sept. 26, 1889, at the age of forty-seven years, the mother of nine children, five of whom died before reaching the age of two years. The survivors are: W. Oscar, Cyrus, Mary and John.

W. OSCAR LEITZEL, son of Benjamin B. Leitzel,

was born Nov. 19, 1866, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was reared at Klingerstown. There he received his education in the public schools, and he worked for his parents, assisting his father in his agricultural operations and in the conduct of the hotel, until he attained his majority. After his marriage he engaged in farming on land belonging to his father-in-law, Moses M. Wiest, at Klingerstown, where he was located for six years. Meantime he began the implement business, and for two years after leaving that farm was principally engaged in selling farm machinery, later entering the general merchandise business at Klingerstown, where he was in partnership with Victor Wiest for ten months. When he gave up the store business he returned to the farm for five years, since the expiration of which period he has been interested in his present mercantile business at Klingerstown, having the largest general store in the western end of Schuylkill county. In addition to general merchandise he carries a large line of furniture, in which he has built up a profitable trade; he still deals in farm implements, and has the agency for the well known "Swab" wagons, his territory lying east of the Susquehanna as far as Ashland and south along the Schuylkill and Dauphin county line, including Deep Creek valley. Mr. Leitzel is considered the leading representative of the company which makes these wagons, as he sells from eighty to one hundred annually, and has sold thousands in his time. He employs from two to six clerks in his general store, and his large business has been built upon a foundation of fair dealing and honorable methods that make him one of the most esteemed as well as one of the most prosperous men of his community. He is a public-spirited citizen, and has been willing to give time and influence to promote the best interests of the neighborhood, being especially anxious to further the educational facilities in his township. When less than twenty-two years old Mr. Leitzel was elected justice of the peace, and he served fifteen years in that office, refusing a fourth term.

On Sept. 5, 1886, Mr. Leitzel married Emma S. Wiest, daughter of Moses M. and Mary (Schadel) Wiest, and four children were born to them, Richard, Dell, John and Frank. Mrs. Leitzel died in July, 1896, aged twenty-eight years, and is buried at Klingerstown. In February, 1897, Mr. Leitzel married (second) Cora Hollenbach, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Schaffer) Hollenbach, and they have had three children: Paul, Eve and Fred. Mr. Leitzel and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of St. Michael's Church at Klingerstown, and he has been very active in the work of church and Sunday school, serving as deacon and elder, and at present





as treasurer of the church: he has been identified with the Sunday school as teacher and superintendent for fifteen consecutive years.

Cyrus Leitzel, son of Benjamin B. Leitzel, is the proprietor of the "Franklin House" at Mandata, Northumberland county. He was born Sept. 15, 1871, at Klingerstown, where he was reared and educated, and worked for his father until he reached the age of sixteen. For six years he was employed in the lumber districts in the State of Washington, in 1896 returning to Pennsylvania and settling at Klingerstown, where he was engaged in horse dealing and in the wholesale whisky business, selling whisky for Detweiler & Co., of Lebanon. He still continues both lines of business, being a well known horse dealer in lower Northumberland county, where he handles many head of horses yearly, and he has represented Detweiler & Co. continuously since 1896, selling their goods in Northumberland, Schuylkill, Perry, Juniata, Snyder and Dauphin counties. He continued to live at Klingerstown for a number of years before moving to Mandata, where he has been proprietor of the "Franklin House" since 1906. He has a farm of 100 acres between Mandata and Mahanoy in Jackson township (part of which was formerly the Abraham Klock homestead, the rest the Jacob Smith place), which he farms with the aid of hired help, and he has prospered in his various undertakings, being an excellent manager.

In March, 1895, Mr. Leitzel married Carrie E. Boyer, daughter of John and Polly (Shartle) Boyer, and they have one daughter, Bessie J. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of the Klingerstown Church. For ten years he held membership in the Klingerstown lodge of Odd Fellows.

E. F. SCHRAWDER, of Shamokin, dealer in ladies' furnishings and fancy goods, at No. 108 West Independence street, has been established at his present place of business since 1904, and he had previous experience in practically the same line as traveling salesman for a number of years in the employ of the well known firm of English & Henry. He has made a success and has a well stocked store.

Mr. Schrawder was born Nov. 2, 1874, at McKees Falls, Snyder county, son of Henry H. Schrawder and grandson of Jacob Schrawder. The family is of German origin, the first of the name in this country having come from Germany and settled in 1774 in Berks county, Pa. He took part in the Revolutionary war and members of the family have been represented in nearly every war in which this country has been engaged since his time.

Jacob Schrawder, the grandfather of E. F., was a native of Berks county, whence he moved to Snyder county, settling at McKees Falls, where

he conducted a shoe store and also did custom shoemaking.

Henry H. Schrawder, father of E. F., learned the trade of stonemason and plasterer, which he followed for many years, now living retired, at Port Treverton, Snyder county. He served in the Civil war. His wife, Mary (Weaver), daughter of David Weaver, bore him four children: David, E. F., William, and Jennie (married Clarence Hershey).

E. F. Schrawder attended public school at Port Treverton and McKees Falls. When fifteen years old he began clerking for N. T. Dundore in Snyder county, near Port Treverton, remaining with that employer eight years, after which he clerked two years in the First National Bank at Selinsgrove. In 1895 he came to Shamokin, where he engaged as traveling salesman with D. G. Snyder & Co., continuing with the same house after it passed into the hands of English & Henry. He was with that concern for seven years in all, and has since been in business on his own account, handling ladies' furnishings, children's goods and fancy goods. His first venture in this line was at Philipsburg, Pa., where he remained four and a half years, and since 1904 he has been established at his present location in Shamokin. Mr. Schrawder carries complete stocks of his special lines, and enjoys an excellent trade, which has increased steadily from the beginning.

Mr. Schrawder is a high Mason, holding membership in the following bodies: Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest, having held the office in 1909; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. (in which he is an officer); Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Schrawder married Mamie Shuman, daughter of Edw. (deceased) and Joanna (Kulp) Shuman, the former of whom was a merchant at Shamokin. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schrawder, J. Merrill and Thelma.

LEVI B. BARBER, who is engaged in farming about three miles east of Milton, in Turbut township, was born Oct. 28, 1873, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, son of Anthony A. Barber and grandson of David Barber.

David Barber was bound out when a boy to Anthony Armstrong, of Turbut township, to live with him until he reached the age of twenty-one. He afterward continued to live in that township, and did day's work among farmers, being an industrious, respected man. He died in that part of Turbut township now included in the borough of Milton, when sixty-eight years old. His wife was Mary Jones, daughter of William Jones, and





they are buried in Harmony cemetery. Milton. Children as follows were born to them: Jane, who married William Falls; William, who died in Milton; Anthony A.; Margaret, Mrs. Robert Seiler; Isaac J.; Catharine, a resident of Milton; and Washington, who died in Milton. Of these, Isaac J. Barber, born in 1835, learned the boat building business and has resided in Milton for the past fifty years. By his first wife, Lucy A. Hester, he had a son Harry, and his second marriage was to Sarah J. Krisher.

Anthony A. Barber, son of David, was born in Delaware township in 1833, and there followed farming, retiring about four years before his death, which occurred March 18, 1892. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. In politics Mr. Barber was a Democrat, and he took quite an active part in local affairs, serving as tax collector and school director. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church at McEwensville, and took an active part in its work. His widow, Maria (Bender or Binder), daughter of Jacob Bender, of Delaware township, is living with her daughter Mrs. Greinly at Berwick, Pa. They had the following children: Anna is the widow of William C. Thomas and resides in Berwick; Cora married Lewis L. Follmer; Ida B. married William Tobias; Minnie M. married H. Greinly, of Berwick; Frances E. married David R. Eves and is living in Berwick; Charles A. married Mary Summers and is engaged in farming in Montour county; Levi B. is mentioned below; David F. married Emma Kreisher and is farming in White Deer township, Union county; Maude M. married John E. Kurtz.

Levi B. Barber attended the public schools of Delaware township, and later worked with his father until he began farming for himself, in 1896. He was in Delaware township for three years, and in Lycoming county for two years, returning to Northumberland county, where he farmed one year in Turbut township, when he decided to remove to Jerseytown. Selling out his farm stock he made the change, but after six months he returned to this county and in 1902 bought the Lantz farm of sixty-six acres in Turbut township where he has since resided. This was at one time Abraham Follmer's farm, it having belonged to him for fifty years, after which it passed into the possession of the Kase family and from them to the Lantzes. It is about three miles east of Milton. Mr. Barber has all the modern improvements on his place, and is one of the enterprising farmers of his locality. He was formerly a member of the Grange. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Barber married Rachel Gold, daughter of George Thomas Gold, of McEwensville, Pa., and they have two children, Helen May and George Anthony.

David Gold, Mrs. Barber's grandfather, was a

native of Bushkill township, Northampton Co., Pa., born about 1805, and died about 1878, aged seventy-three years. In the spring of 1841 he came to Northumberland county, locating at McEwensville, where he built the Gold gristmill, now owned and operated by Oliver Gold. He bought a tract of fifty acres, upon which he erected his mill and later three of his sons built homes upon the property; the McEwensville high school also stands upon land he owned. Both the cemeteries of McEwensville were laid out from his land, and all but thirty-seven acres of his holdings have been cut up into building lots or turned to public use. During the fifties he was one of the organizers of the borough of McEwensville. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as school director and for many years as overseer of the poor in Delaware township. In his earlier life Mr. Gold was a Moravian in religious connection, as were all his family in Northampton county, but he later became a Lutheran. His wife, Maria (Rissmiller), was the daughter of Daniel Rissmiller, who was earlier a resident of Berks county, Pa., and his first ancestor in America came hither as one of the Hessian army sent over to fight the Colonists in the Revolution. David Gold and his wife had children as follows: Rosanna married Charles Sensenbaugh, and they lived at Sunbury; Henry D., who was a merchant, died at Charlestown, Pa.; George Thomas settled in McEwensville; Edwin F. is mentioned below; Joseph died at Watsonstown; Mary married Reuben Derr; Maria married Ellis Irwin; Charles was killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; David died in New Brighton, Pa.; Margaret, widow of E. Lewis Painter, lives at Lewisburg; Susan married Abram Redcay and they live in Milton; John L. is a resident of Newcastle, Pa. Of these, Rosanna, Henry D., Joseph, Mary, Maria, Charles and David are deceased.

Edwin F. Gold, born July 29, 1832, near Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa., attended the McEwensville Academy in his boyhood. On April 26, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war from Northumberland county, in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. Pharon Jarett's regiment, which was assigned to the 6th Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Potomac. They proceeded through Westchester, Hagerstown and Williamstown, and were discharged at Harrisburg July 25, 1861. Mr. Gold again enlisted June 18, 1863, becoming a sergeant in Company I, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, under Lieut. Col. Chamberlain. He was discharged at Harrisburg July 27, 1863, and in the meantime took part in the battle of Gettysburg and did valiant duty as a scout, being arrested three times. He wore a Southern uniform, and with two companions performed notable service. On Feb. 28, 1865, he again enlisted, in Company E, 74th Regi-



ment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served to the close of the war. One of his discharges is upon sheepskin. Returning to McEwensville after the war he cultivated some land which he owned, and meantime continued to follow teaching, which he had begun when only fifteen years old and followed in all for thirty-three terms. He has a certificate bearing the date Nov. 18, 1857, issued by County Superintendent John J. Reimensnyder. He taught principally in and around McEwensville, and was one of the old-time schoolmasters of that vicinity, thorough and efficient in all his work and bearing a high reputation. Mr. Gold is an independent voter and at one time took an influential part in county politics. For a quarter of a century he was constable of McEwensville, and has been justice of the peace for a number of years.

On July 4, 1861, Mr. Gold married Sarah Cooner, who died April 13, 1910, aged seventy-nine years. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith, while Mr. Gold is a Lutheran. They had children as follows: Davilla, unmarried, who lives at McEwensville; Ambrose, unmarried, of Homewood, Pa.; Mary, who married Dr. E. J. Schlicher, and lives at McEwensville; Inez, wife of Charles Woller, living at Williamsport; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; John C., who died in the oil region in Ohio, by suffocation; and Susan, who married Wilson Cotner, of McEwensville.

Henry D. Gold, another son of David Gold, was born Feb. 10, 1829, in Bushkill township, Northampton Co., Pa., and came with his parents to Northumberland county in 1841, locating at McEwensville, where he grew up. When about eighteen he began clerking in a general store, following that work some years, after which he conducted a store of his own at Exchange, Montour county, where he was in business for some years. Moving thence to Clarkstown, Lycoming county, he carried on a general store at that place until his death, Feb. 8, 1899, when he was seventy years old, less two days. He was a Republican in sentiment, but was no politician. Widely known as a business man, his patrons came from a large territory, and he was universally liked and respected. For twelve years he served as postmaster. He is buried at McEwensville. Mr. Gold was a Lutheran in religious faith. He married Eleanor Wilson, who was born July 3, 1831, daughter of William and Eleanor (Blaine) Wilson, of Lewis township, this county, and died Feb. 9, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Gold had three children: William W., born in April, 1859, who died in his fifth year, in February, 1864; and Horace and Henry D., Jr., both born in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county.

Horace Gold, born April 9, 1864, was educated in the common schools and in the Lycoming county normal school, and when seventeen years old was licensed to teach. He taught five terms in his na-

tive county and one term in Northumberland. In the spring of 1887 he engaged in farming in Lewis township, Northumberland county, where he and his brother now live. He has a tract of 161 acres, formerly the James Blaine homestead, the Blaines having been the original owners of this land. The old patent deed, written on parchment, is in Mr. Gold's possession. Mr. James Blaine built the large stone house which is still standing in 1810. Mr. Gold is a general farmer. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in politics.

On Dec. 25, 1890, Mr. Gold married Julia Ann Steiner, daughter of William H. and Caroline (Deshler) Steiner, whose parents came from Northampton county, Pa. Five children have been born to this union: William H., Edith Ellen, Margaret J., John S. and Florence E.

Henry D. Gold, Jr., born June 4, 1867, was educated in the common schools and the Normal school at Muncy. He was reared to farming, assisting his father in the store until he moved to Lewis township, he and his brother owning the farm jointly for some years, when he sold his interest to his brother Horace, for whom he has since worked. He is holding a local office at present and takes an interest in public affairs. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church.

AARON SHAFFER, a farmer near the village of Urban, in Jordan township, was born Feb. 7, 1853, on the farm where he now lives, son of William T. and Mary (Lenker) Shaffer. He is a grandson of Michael Shaffer, who came into this region from Berks county, and who it is supposed was a descendant of Michael Sheaffer, who settled "on Tulpehocken" in 1733 and died about 1760. Among his children were: John Nicholas; Maria Catharine; Mrs. John Jacob Larch; Anna Barbara, who married David Brown; Margaretta Elizabeth, who married Hieronymus Rudy; and Leonard. We have record only of Leonard, who was a resident of Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he owned a farm and the old Sheaffer hotel stand, which he conducted for some years. He died in middle age, and his wife conducted the hotel for some years, marrying for her second husband George Gernant, who was sheriff of Berks county from 1844 to 1847. One daughter was born to this union, Harriet, who became the wife of Henry Van Reed. To Leonard and Elizabeth (Hain) Sheaffer were born children as follows: Leonard, who died when twenty years old; Benjamin, who married Catharine Mengel and died in Cumru township, Berks county, Nov. 24, 1887, in his eightieth year; John, who settled in Washington, D. C., where his children still reside; Joseph, whose son Daniel is a well known cigarmaker at Norristown, Pa.; Catharine, who married John Saylor; and Sophia, who married Daniel Hebener.





a drover of Reading, who it is believed was murdered, as he never returned from a trip on which he went with money to buy cattle.

Michael Shaffer; the grandfather of Aaron Shaffer, was born in Berks county March 17, 1783, therefore it would seem likely he was a grandson of the Michael Sheaffer mentioned above if he came from that stock. Moving from Rehlersburg, Berks county, he settled in Dauphin county, near Gratz, where he lived for about two years, thence removing to Jordan township, Northumberland county, where he took up land upon which he resided the remainder of his life. He was one of the pioneers in the Stone Valley, where he was one of the extensive land owners and substantial citizens of his day. Physically he was of medium size. He died June 30, 1860, and is buried at St. Paul's Church, at Urban, of which he was a Lutheran member. Michael Shaffer was married before his removal into this section, his wife being Elizabeth (Tobias), born June 13, 1788, died Oct. 6, 1861. She, too, is buried at the Urban Church. They had three sons and two daughters: Joseph settled in Crawford county, Pa., where he followed farming and died leaving a large family; William T. is mentioned below; Moses, who was a carpenter and farmer, settled in Jefferson county, Pa., where he died (he had two sons): Lydia married Abraham Klock and they lived and died in Northumberland county; Amanda married Edw. Baum.

William T. Shaffer, son of Michael, was a farmer on the old homestead in Jordan township, where he passed all but a few years of his life, moving away for a short time after his marriage. He was born June 17, 1819, and died May 28, 1888. In his earlier life he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, and later he was extensively engaged in lime-burning as well as farming, keeping many teams busy hauling his lime. He was active in church and public affairs, and held offices in his township and church. He and his wife, Mary, are buried at St. Paul's; she was born July 4, 1816, daughter of Michael Lenker (who married an Emerich), and died Dec. 28, 1896. They were the parents of the following children: Michael, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, after which he went out to northwestern Nebraska, where he became a cowboy (he had a family of four children): Moses; Isaac; Aaron; William, who died young; Catharine, married to Jacob Byerly; Louisa, married to Daniel Sherry; Mary, married to William Kutz; and Jane, who married Jesse Stehr and (second) Charles Shade. Aaron and Jane are the only survivors of this family.

Aaron Shaffer was reared under the parental roof, and learned the details of farm work at an early age. He obtained a good, practical education in the public schools of the home locality and by applying himself as he grew older, and he lived at home, working for his parents, until he became

of age. When quite young he began to burn lime, which he hauled to the different farmers summer and winter, after that became the custom. In the early days, when he burned as much as 28,000 or 30,000 bushels in a year, the farmers came for the lime, doing their own hauling, but it soon became the custom for the lime burner to deliver it. When he came to carry on this business less extensively, Mr. Shaffer averaged 12,000 bushels annually for ten years. For a number of years Mr. Shaffer furnished the horses to the State of Pennsylvania for use at the annual encampments of the National Guard, held at Mount Gretna and Gettysburg.

When Mr. Shaffer's grandfather, Michael, owned the farm, which has been in the family name at least since 1830, its acreage was much greater, between 250 and 300 acres, extending down to Urban. When Aaron Shaffer bought the homestead it comprised only ninety acres, to which he has added until he now has 130. The present house and barn were erected by William T. Shaffer, the latter about 1866-67, and there is still standing on the tract a log tenant house built by Michael Shaffer. Aaron Shaffer is a progressive but conservative member of his community, respected and trusted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He has been a valuable citizen, having served many years as a member of the township school board, and for a number of years past he has been an overseer of the poor. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religion he is a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's Church; he was deacon for many years, later an elder, and since 1900 has been a trustee.

In 1882 Mr. Shaffer married Lizzie Baum, daughter of Henry D. and Catharine (Moyer) Baum, of Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had five children: Jennie M., who married Charles Engel and lives at Herndon, Pa.; William H., born May 31, 1887; Charles D., born Feb. 2, 1889; Mamie C.; and George R.

**ROTHERMEL.** The Rothermel family is well represented in Jordan township, where William W., Lazarus W., Manasses W. and Monroe Rothermel, all sons of the late Isaac Rothermel, reside. The Rothermels have been identified with this section of Northumberland from the beginning of the last century, when Abraham Rothermel, grandfather of the four brothers mentioned, came hither from Berks county, where his ancestors located in an early day.

This Rothermel family traces its genealogy back some four hundred years to one Johannes Rothermel, who won both fame and a name in the early wars of Germany. He was a brave soldier, and so frequently dyed his arm in the blood of his enemies that his comrades designated him as *der Roth Ermel* (red sleeve), and in this way he acquired the name Rothermel.





John Rothermel, descendant of this early progenitor, was born in the Province of Wachbach, Holland, in 1688, and in 1708 married Sybilla Zimmerman, native of the same province, and a sister of the famous General Zimmerman of the Dutch army. In 1730, after the birth of one daughter and five sons, he set sail from Rotterdam with his entire family for America. John Rothermel died at sea and never saw the shores of the country for which he started. His wife and children arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730, and the following year settled in what is now Berks county, Pa. The daughter, Anna Maria, who had married Peter Fetherolf in Wachbach in 1729, soon settled with her husband in Macungie township, Lehigh Co., Pa., where they passed the remainder of their lives. The five sons were: Lawrence, Peter, Paul, John and Christian, all of whom settled in Berks county. All the early Rothermels are buried in the family cemetery at Walnuttown, Berks county. Lawrence, the eldest son, settled in Windsor township, where he married a Miss Kuhns; he rose to be one of the foremost citizens of that section. Paul purchased a large tract of land in Maiden-creek township and settled upon it; he married Catharine Maurer, by whom he had five sons and one daughter. Peter became a large land owner in the fertile valley of the Manatawny, where he prospered and raised a family of four children. John settled in Windsor township, where his elder brother, Lawrence, had already located. Christian, the youngest of the family, purchased a large tract of land in Maiden-creek township, adjoining the property of his brother Paul; he married and had six children, two sons and four daughters.

One Leonard Roadarmel, "late of Berks county," died in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1835. On June 12, 1835, letters of administration were granted to his son John Roadarmel, who gave bond in the sum of \$500 (record at courthouse, Sunbury, Pennsylvania).

A son Abraham is recorded among the children of Peter Rothermel, son of John, but as the records say Abraham had a brother Joseph, "a tall man," he could not have belonged to that family, as Peter had no son Joseph. Abraham was evidently, however, a grandson of John and Sybilla, but through which son these records do not show.

Abraham Rothermel was born in Oley township, Berks county, Aug. 22, 1777, came to Northumberland county after his marriage, and lived near Rebuck, in what is now Washington township. He owned a large farm (now in the possession of Daniel Kahler), was a blacksmith by trade, and was noted for his strength. He died Feb. 23, 1861, when over eighty-three years old, and he and his wife, Catharine Yeager (or Feager), are buried at the Himmel Church; she was born Dec. 21, 1779, and died Sept. 1, 1872, when over ninety-two years

old. This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Charles, mentioned at length below; Martin, who located in Ogle county, Ill. (his son Robert served in the Union army, and he had also a son Amos); Hannah, who married Michael Emerich (no children); Susanna, who married Jacob Hoffman, of Washington, Northumberland county; Mary, whose first husband was a Mr. Geist, her second Andrew Kahler (they located at Red Bank, in Jefferson county, Pa.); Catharine, who married Charles Boardsherry, and lived at Northumberland; Isaac, mentioned below; and Amos, who settled in Illinois, and whose daughter married a minister (he served in the Federal army during the Civil war and met his nephew, William, in the general review at Washington at the close of the war).

Charles Rothermel, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 8, 1808, and died aged eighty-three years, seven months, five days. He was a farmer, residing where Daniel Kahler now lives, in Washington township, and owned that farm, having 133 acres cleared and some woodland. He was a Democrat, served as school director of his township, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, where he held the offices of deacon and elder many years, also giving long service as member of the church council. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Bower, had children: Killian, Harriet (wife of Benjamin Phillips), Aaron, Joseph and Amanda. We have record of Joseph Rothermel, who died Oct. 5, 1904, aged sixty-three years, eleven months, six days, and who may have been the son Joseph here mentioned. Amanda Rothermel, "daughter of Carlos and Elizabeth," born Nov. 4, 1842, died June 3, 1861. For his second wife Mr. Rothermel married Mrs. Harriet (Beissel or Beisel) Clark, daughter of Daniel Beissel or Beisel and widow of John Clark. She was born April 28, 1823, and died Jan. 1, 1894. By this marriage there were eight children: Abraham, born in 1847, who died in 1862; Helena, who married Elias Oxenreider (he is deceased); Daniel, mentioned below; Frank, now a resident of Trevorton, Pa.; Catharine, twin of Frank, who was born in 1855, and died in 1862; Lewis B., who is mentioned later in this article; Mary, who married James Geist and (second) Monroe Rebuck; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Snyder.

Daniel Rothermel, son of Charles, was born Sept. 22, 1852, in Washington township, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He began farming on his father's homestead as a tenant, continuing thus four years, after which he moved to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, where he farmed for seven years. He then spent four years in Washington township, Northumberland county, four



years in Jackson township, and for the next seven years farmed in the Lykens Valley. In 1902 he returned to Washington township and purchased the David Ferster homestead of 135 acres, owning also his father-in-law's house near Urban, where he lives; this house stands on an acre of ground which formerly belonged to the Ferster farm. Mr. Rothermel rents his own farm. Mr. Rothermel married Catharine Ferster, daughter of David and Judith (Brosius) Ferster, and they have had a large family, viz.: John died at the age of twenty-one years; Jane married Wilson Brosius and they live in Washington township; James, born May 4, 1879, is now the tenant on his father's farm, which he is engaged in cultivating (he married Anna Bohner, daughter of Peter Bohner, and they have one child, Carrie); Ida lives in Sunbury; Charles is in business as an undertaker at Herndon, this county; Levi is mentioned below; Katie and Mabel are engaged as silk workers at Sunbury; Minnie died aged four years; one son died in infancy. Mr. Rothermel is a Democrat, and in religious connection he and his family are Reformed members of St. Paul's Church at Urban, of which he was deacon some years and since 1903 has held the office of elder.

Levi Rothermel, son of Daniel, was born in Washington township and received his early education in the common schools, later attending Union Seminary, in Union county, Pa. In 1904 he received his license to teach public school and has since been engaged in teaching in Washington township, the past four terms in the Salem schoolhouse. During the summer months he engages in clerking in the store at Mount Carmel.

Lewis B. Rothermel, son of Charles, passed his earlier years in Washington township, where he was engaged in farming. In 1895 he moved into Upper Mahanoy township, where he also carried on farming, and in 1902 he purchased the farm where he afterward made his home, dying there Sept. 22, 1906, aged forty-eight years, nine months, twenty-two days. He is buried at Howerters Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion an adherent of the Reformed faith. His wife, Mary R. (Brosius), daughter of Andrew Brosius, died July 1, 1902, aged thirty-nine years, two months, sixteen days. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel: Minnie, who married John Miller; Lizzie, unmarried; Harvey A.; Etta, who married Samuel Snyder and lives in Nebraska; Allen; Arthur; Francis; John, and Mary.

Harvey A. Rothermel was born Sept. 19, 1882, on the Charles Rothermel farm near Rebuck, attended the township schools, and was reared to farm life. For four years he worked in the store for F. L. Kehres at Rebuck, and for one year hired out on a farm, beginning for himself, at his present place, in 1906. This farm, which has seventy-

eight acres of cleared land, formerly belonged to his uncle, Joseph Rothermel, and before his ownership was a Reitz homestead. It is in Washington township, near the Himmel Church. Mr. Rothermel is at present serving as one of the auditors of his township. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion clings to the Reformed faith, belonging to that congregation at the Himmel Church, where his wife holds membership in the Lutheran congregation. On May 28, 1904, Mr. Rothermel married Katie Kahler, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Paul) Kahler, prominent residents of Washington township, and they have three children: Charles, John and Allen.

Isaac Rothermel, son of Abraham, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, was born April 13, 1820, in Washington township, and died Oct. 1, 1896, in Jordan township, at the home of his son Manasses. He was a man of medium size, raw-boned and muscular, and followed the trade of blacksmith in his earlier life, later devoting himself to farming. He had his blacksmith shop in Jordan township, where his son William now lives, and he carried on farming from 1851 until his retirement, some years before his death. He made his home with his son Monroe, though he did not die at his house. Mr. Rothermel was a Reformed member of Klingers Church, but he and his wife Hannah (Wiest) are buried at Zion's Union Church, near Klingerstown. She was born Dec. 10, 1823, daughter of Samuel Wiest and granddaughter of Jacob Wiest, of Berks county, and died Sept. 7, 1887. To Isaac Rothermel and his wife was born a family of twelve children: William W.; Amos; Jestina, widow of John Weiser; Lucy, Mrs. Nicholas Adams; Eve, who died young; Catharine, who died young; Lazarus W.; Manasses W.; Esrom; Monroe; Abraham; and Hannah, Mrs. Ammon Houck.

WILLIAM W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born May 2, 1842, in the same district where he now lives in Jordan township. He remained at home on the farm until he went into the army during the Civil war, as a member of Company A, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, enlisting for three years or during the war. He was nineteen when he entered the service. Before the expiration of this term he reenlisted, in eastern Tennessee, at Blaine's Cross Road, for another three years, in the same company and regiment, and served to the end of the war. He became a third sergeant and right general guide. His experiences of trial and hardship were unusual, even for army life. He not only traveled all over the South, but also in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and was in thirty-two engagements, including Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain, Vicksburg, Jackson, siege of Knoxville and operations in front of Petersburg. He was in Sher-





man's army. Returning to Northumberland county at the close of his service, he soon began farming in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, where he was a tenant for nine years, in 1877 settling at his present location in Jordan township, Northumberland county. His home is on a tract of twenty-two acres, which he cultivates, though he leads a semi-retired life. He is a carpenter, and has followed his trade in connection with agriculture. He is serving at present as an auditor of his township, has been school director and supervisor, and is one of the most respected residents of his section. He is a Republican in politics. On Dec. 30, 1865, Mr. Rothermel was married in Northumberland county to Sarah Shaffer, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bohner) Shaffer, and they have the following children: Emma, Mrs. John Saltzer; Manasses, of Klingerstown; Polly, Mrs. Charles Brown; Monroe, of Gowen City, Pa.; Jennie, Mrs. Gordon Klinger; and Minnie, Mrs. Harvey Smith. Mr. Rothermel and his family worship with the Reformed congregation of the Klingerstown Church, which he formerly served as elder, at present holding the offices of trustee and treasurer.

LAZARUS W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, is a farmer in Jordan township, where he was born April 15, 1855, on the homestead, which is now owned by his brother Manasses. He was reared to farm life, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-six years, when he married, after which he began farming on his own account in Hubley township, Schuylkill county. After three years' residence there he settled in Jordan township, purchasing a tract of seventy acres adjoining his father's homestead. It was formerly the Israel Geise place. The present house was remodeled by Mr. Rothermel, and in 1890 he built the substantial Swiss barn. He has made a specialty of poultry raising, and has been very successful in his work, being one of the leading farmers of his township. He has served three terms as school director, and is also active in church life, being a member of the Reformed congregation of the Hebe Union Church, where he has held the office of elder for a number of years. Before becoming a member at Hebe he was identified with Klingers Church, of which he served as deacon. In politics he is a Republican.

On Aug. 7, 1881, Mr. Rothermel married Emma Bush, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hollenbach) Bush, and thirteen children have been born to this union: Jane, who died aged ten years, two months; Jestina, now the wife of James Runkel; Alice E., wife of Jacob Wiest; Charles H., who died in his second year; Ida M., who has been teaching public school in Northumberland county for three years; John L., who is a carpenter; E. Bertha; Samuel E.; Eva M.; Harry N.; Maizie M.; Minnie E., and Elma E.

MANASSES W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born Sept. 24, 1857, on the farm in Jordan township where he now lives, and was there reared to farm life. After working for his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, he followed the blacksmith's trade for seven years, in Uniontown and at Klingerstown. He was next engaged in huckstering for about fifteen years. In the spring of 1898 he began farming on his father's homestead, where he has since lived, now owning the place, which contains 101½ acres. This farm is part of a tract of 500 acres which long ago belonged to the Bickels, who lived in Berks county, and was bought by them from Samuel Wiest; it is now divided into several farms. On April 20, 1908, Mr. Rothermel had the misfortune to lose his house by fire, which totally destroyed it with all its contents, including valuable documents of historic worth. The summer of that year he erected the nice frame house which he and his family now occupy. The barn on the farm is a landmark of the region, having been built by Isaac Rothermel in 1851, when he came to Jordan township, and he built the house (the one burned in 1908) the same year; at that time only ten acres of the farm were cleared. Mr. Rothermel is one of the substantial and esteemed residents of his neighborhood, being a typical member of a family which has long been known for solid worth.

In 1880 Mr. Rothermel married Eliza Wentzel, daughter of Isaac Wentzel, and to them were born eight children, all of whom are deceased. His second marriage was to Susan Bixler, daughter of John and Sallie (Baum) Bixler, of Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they are the parents of five children: A. Robert, Ruth, Mabel G., John E. and Manasses. Mr. Rothermel and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at the Klingerstown Church, and he has served as deacon and elder. In political matters he is a Republican.

David Bixler, Mrs. Rothermel's grandfather, was related to the Bixlers of Berks county, the families often exchanging visits. He served in the Civil war, and died soon after his return home from the army. He married Susan Wolfgang, and their children besides John were: Elias, Amos, Emanuel, Paul, Helen, Maria, Katie and Matilda.

John Bixler, son of David, was a farmer and miner by occupation. He was the father of the following children: James, Thamsen (deceased), Susan, Frances, Lewis, Alfreda, Rufus (deceased), Hettie, Lora and Mabel.

MONROE ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born March 6, 1862, in Jordan township, and is now successfully engaged in farming there. He lived with his parents until they died and was brought up to farming, working for his father until 1888 and since that time for himself. All his life has been passed in his native township. His farm





is an attractive place of 100 acres, well located, on the road between Hebe and Klingerstown, is equipped with good buildings and has been materially improved during the ownership of Mr. Rothermel, who is an intelligent worker and a notably good manager. It was once the homestead of Peter Rebuck and was later bought by Frederick Schwalm, from whom Mr. Rothermel purchased it. He also owns a twelve-acre tract of woodland in Dauphin county. He is one of the desirable citizens of his community, is at present serving as elder of the Reformed congregation at the Klingerstown Church, and was formerly deacon. His family also belong to that congregation. Politically Mr. Rothermel supports the Republican party.

On Nov. 28, 1886, Mr. Rothermel married Lizzie Schmeltz, daughter of Jonas and Lena (Masser) Schmeltz and granddaughter of Andrew and Catharine (Haag) Schmeltz. They have had three children: Charles, Allen and Hannah.

Andrew Rothermel, of Dalmatia, this county, is one of the well known residents of his section. He is at present serving as road supervisor of Lower Mahanoy township, and for some years as tax collector. He owns his home at Dalmatia. To him and his wife Sarah (Zartman), daughter of Adam Zartman, were born the following children: George, Ida, Oscar, Annie, Charles E., Malinda, Emma, Alice and Adam.

Charles E. Rothermel, son of Andrew, was born April 22, 1869, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared upon the farm. After reaching manhood he tended bar in Shamokin for a time, and later, in 1888, engaged in the bottling business at Georgetown (Dalmatia), carrying it on for three years. For the next two years he was in the hotel business at Dalmatia, at the end of that time moving to Sunbury, where he was engaged in the same line. His next location was in the borough of Northumberland, where he conducted the "Vankirk House" for several years, after which he purchased the "National House" at Dalmatia and ran it for seven years. He then returned to Sunbury, where he became proprietor of the "Packer House," being thus engaged for a period of five years, until, in 1909, he became proprietor of his present establishment, the "City Hotel." It is the leading hotel in the city and is carried on along modern lines, enjoying the patronage of the best trade. Mr. Rothermel served as school director while a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, and he has always been active in the interests of the Republican party. Socially he belongs to the Order of Owls at Sunbury.

Mr. Rothermel married Sarah Fenstermacher, daughter of Michael Fenstermacher, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have one daughter,

Arlie May. Mr. Rothermel and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JACKSON M. ENGLE, who has a fine farm in Boyle's Run, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, has made his home on that property for many years, and its present fine condition is due entirely to his progressive and systematic industry. Mr. Engle was born May 2, 1857, on the farm of his father in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and he is a son of Joel Engle and grandson of George Engel.

George Engel lived in Jackson township, Northumberland county, he and his brother Abraham coming from one of the lower counties of the State, probably Berks. He did laboring work, and was well known for his skill as a violinist. His children were: William, Joel and Ed.

Joel Engle, son of George, was but three years old when his father died. He settled one mile south of Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming, owning a tract of ninety acres now the property of Jacob Martz. The place was an old Ziegler homestead, and as laid out at present comprises four different tracts, located on the eastern bank of the Susquehanna. Mr. Engle built the present dwelling on the place. He was a Republican in politics, served his district in the capacity of tax collector, and was also a useful member of the church, holding office for many years as deacon and elder at the Stone Valley Church, where he was identified with the Reformed congregation. He and his wife, who died only four weeks apart, are buried there. She was Catharine Walt, daughter of Willoughby Walt. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Engle: Malinda died in childhood; Amelia married Charles Schlaman, who is deceased; Polly married Joseph Kessler; Jackson M. is mentioned below; Jeremiah is a resident of Shamokin; Willoughby Lincoln lives in Shamokin; Jane is the widow of Josiah Zimmerman; Annie married Adam Lenker; Katie married Charles Wirt; John and Charles are residents of Shamokin; Frank lives in Illinois; Carrie died aged five years.

Jackson M. Engle was reared upon the home farm, working for his parents until nearly twenty years old, when he married. He came to the farm in Lower Augusta township which he has since occupied some time after that event, and during the first twenty-one years of his residence there farmed the land on shares, buying it in 1906. It contains 120 acres of valuable land in the district known as Boyle's Run and is in excellent condition, thanks to his care and good management. Mr. Engle has the reputation of having the best live stock in the valley, and he always keeps fine horses. He is a Republican in his political preferences, but votes independently, and



in religion he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the Mountain Church, of which he is a trustee. As a citizen he is respected by all who know him for his sterling worth and reliable qualities.

On Jan. 13, 1877, Mr. Engle married Beattie DeWitt, daughter of Paul and Abby (Shipman) DeWitt, and to them have been born the following children: Galen married Della Reader; Emma married Dennis Conrad; Rosa married Peter Conrad (brother of Dennis); Ira is married and living in Harrisburg; Irwin lives in Harrisburg; Harry; William lives in Sunbury; Samuel and Carrie are at home.

DANIEL STAHL, now living retired in Shamokin, was connected for over thirty years with the old Eagle Run Brewery, in Coal township, a short distance from the city, as brewmaster. For about twenty years he held that position under the proprietorship of Martin Markle and after he sold out continued for twelve years with his successors, retiring in 1907.

Mr. Stahl was born Aug. 10, 1847, at Leonberg, about twelve miles from Stuttgart, the capital of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Heiges) Stahl, who brought their family to America in 1853, landing at New York City. The trip was made by sailing vessel, and took fifty-five days. The family first settled at Newark, N. J., remaining there one year, and then moved to Mauch Chunk, Pa., where a permanent home was established. Jacob Stahl had been a house builder in his native land. At Mauch Chunk he found employment in the car shops, and also followed contracting and building to some extent. He died there in 1875, his wife surviving until 1877, and both are buried at Upper Mauch Chunk. They were the parents of sixteen children, six of whom died young, in Germany, the other ten accompanying the parents to America, viz.: John, Wilhelmina, Catherine, Mary, Jacobina, Barbara, Christina, Peter, Daniel and Frederick.

Daniel Stahl attended school at Mauch Chunk. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he worked during the summers, in the wintertime learning brewing. In 1875 he came to Shamokin and entered the employ of Martin Markle, for whom he was brewmaster until 1895, when Mr. Markle sold his interests in the brewery to Fuhrmann & Schmidt. Mr. Stahl was brewmaster with the new owners until his retirement in 1907. He is acting as one of the executors of the large estate of his father-in-law, Martin Markle.

In 1877 Mr. Stahl married Helena M. Markle, daughter of Martin Markle, his employer, and a family of eight children was born to them, Daniel and Sarah dying young; Wilhelmina married John Edmund and lives at Shamokin; Sybilla S. married August Steinhart, of Shamokin; Mary C. married Thomas Morgan, of Shamokin; George D.

lives with his father; Henry M. is a resident of Shamokin; Gertrude C. married Ephraim S. Weaver, of Shamokin. The mother died Feb. 11, 1905, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Stahl makes his home at Shamokin. He is a Lutheran in religious faith.

CHARLES H. NEWCOMBE, who is engaged as chief clerk in the converting works of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, at Sunbury, has resided in that borough since 1902. He has been employed in silk mills ever since he commenced work, and his familiarity with the business and fidelity to his duties make him deserving of his present responsibilities. He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., born May 28, 1882.

Mr. Newcombe's grandfather was born in Scotland, and on coming to America settled in New York City. Albert Post Newcombe, his father, was born in that city, and became a shipbuilder. He has followed that occupation all his life, being still active and engaged at his trade in Brooklyn. He married Janet Cornell, member of a well known family of New York City, one of whose members is Frank Cornell. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Post Newcombe were born eight children, those besides Charles H. being: Jane married William Hatch, and they reside in Brooklyn; Charlotte married F. D. DeGroff, who is now deceased; Abbie I. married Harvey L. Teater; Beulah married William J. Briggs; William C. is a resident of Brooklyn; Harry and Allie are deceased.

Charles H. Newcombe received his education in the public schools, graduating when sixteen years old. He then found a position in the silk house of Hoeninghaus & Curtiss, with which firm he remained until he took his present position, in Sunbury, where he arrived Dec. 15, 1902. Since settling in this borough he has become well known in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; and of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.

On June 18, 1901, Mr. Newcombe married Laura F. Quincy, who belongs to an English family, daughter of ——— and Annie Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe have had two children: Evelyn Gladys and Cornell Harold.

THOMAS G. FRYER, a young business man of Turbutville, Northumberland county, engaged as a tinsmith and dealer in stoves, etc., is building up an excellent trade by industry and thorough attention to the calls of his customers. He is a native of Lewis township, born May 27, 1891, son of John H. Fryer and grandson of Jacob Fryer, who now lives at Milton, Pa., with his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Smith, on Mahoning street.

John H. Fryer was born Jan. 13, 1856, at Port Clinton, Pa., and when a young man learned the





carpenter's trade, which he followed some years, at Milton, Pa., with Charles Koch. Later he became a railroad engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading road, following this occupation for about ten years before his death, which was caused by heart failure, when he was a comparatively young man. He ran a freight train from Catawissa to Newberry for some time, and later had a run between Shamokin and Newberry. He died in Lewis township, where he made his home upon a farm of forty-five acres still owned by his widow. On Nov. 9, 1876, Mr. Fryer married Clara Mackey, daughter of Henry and Lucinda (Berkenstock) Mackey, who lived near McEwensville, and granddaughter of Jacob Berkenstock, who also lived near that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Fryer were born twelve children, Elsie, Mabel, Charles, Edwin, Mary E. (deceased), Morris, Homer, Thomas G., Russell, Ralph, Mildred and Paul. Mrs. Fryer is a Lutheran in religious connection. Her husband was a member of the Evangelical Association, and in political sentiment he was a Democrat.

Thomas G. Fryer attended the public schools of Lewis township, and after commencing work learned the trade of tinner with William N. Reynolds, of Turbutville. On March 19, 1910, he engaged in business on his own account, carrying a full stock of stoves and ranges, roofing, spouting, tin and granite wares, and being prepared to do all kinds of job work in his line, tinsmithing, heating and plumbing. He handles the Acorn stoves and ranges. Mr. Fryer has one man in his employ, and he has enjoyed a thriving trade, which he is enlarging steadily by honest business methods and attention to the wants of his patrons. His business establishment is on Main street, in the center of the town of Turbutville. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is considered a steady-going and reliable young man, one of the useful members of the community.

On Feb. 27, 1910, Mr. Fryer married Cora Greiner, daughter of A. D. and Mary (Wykoff) Greiner, of Turbutville, who have a family of five children: Zwingle, who lives at Milton, Pa.; Tacy, wife of Frank Lawrence; Raymond, of Turbutville; Florence; and Cora, Mrs. Fryer.

**ADDISON C. MILLER**, farmer of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born on the old Miller homestead in Shamokin township taken up by his great-grandfather.

The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, Sr., commonly called "Hunter George," because of his love for the chase, emigrated from Germany some time during the eighteenth century, and after taking up considerable land in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, built his little

log house near the large spring on the Miller farm. In 1792 his son, John, purchased this land (Pine Grove) from him, and "Hunter George" took up land near Hamburg, in Berks county, Pa., where he lived the remainder of his days.

John Miller, son of George, Sr., born in 1759, in 1785 married Catharine Raber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George; David; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and (second) to a Mr. Wilhour; and Sarah, Mrs. Miller. John Miller's death occurred Feb. 10, 1804, when he was forty-five years old, his wife, who survived him many years, dying Aug. 19, 1854, at the age of eighty-five years. John and Elizabeth Miller are interred in the old Baptist graveyard near Deibler's station, in Shamokin township.

George Miller, eldest son of John, was born on the homestead June 13, 1794. There he built the large stone barn in 1818. He was one of the most enterprising men of his day. Previous to the construction of the Centre turnpike the locality was not developed to any extent. He obtained a contract for constructing two miles of the pike, erected the buildings where his grandson George W. Miller now resides, and after the stage line was started opened a hotel which he conducted, in addition to carrying on his farm, until the Northern Central railroad was built. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled a number of the township offices. He died July 24, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his wife dying three weeks later. They are buried at the Blue Church. On Dec. 23, 1820, Mr. Miller had married Mary M. Startzel, daughter of George and Elizabeth Startzel, and twelve children were born to this union: Elizabeth, deceased, Mrs. Daniel Smith; Catharine, deceased, Mrs. Silas Farrow; John J., who died in Iowa; Rosetta, Mrs. Samuel Lewis; Amandus S.; Russia, deceased, who married Dr. Aaron Savidge; Juliann, deceased, who married Rev. Ephraim Barker, of Iowa; Allison R., a teacher, who died in Illinois; William J., of Springfield, Ill.; Clara L., deceased, wife of Dr. Isaac Huff; Emma, who married John Eppler, of Point township; and one son who died in infancy.

Amandus S. Miller, second son of George Miller, was born upon the homestead Sept. 13, 1828, and there grew to manhood. He received a common school education and improved his opportunities so well that in early manhood he commenced teaching in the public schools, which experience undoubtedly accounted for the interest he always took in the cause of public education. He engaged in farming on an extensive scale, cultivating some four hundred acres, and was one of the most substantial men of his day, accumulating a large amount of property in Shamokin township and





borough. He was not only foremost in business matters, but also looked to on various other questions, especially regarding the general welfare, though he never sought office, and held no public positions except those of assessor and member of the school board, of which body he was treasurer for years. He was an influential and highly respected citizen, and his death, which occurred Feb. 21, 1906, was widely mourned. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion.

Mr. Miller married Hannah J. Wolverton, who was born Sept. 21, 1832, daughter of John Wolverton, of Shamokin township, and died Aug. 3, 1908. They are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church in Shamokin township. Ten children were born to this marriage: Florence V., who died when twenty-three years old; Ida M., deceased, wife of John M. Kline; George W.; Silas W., who is living in Upper Augusta township, this county; Laura E., wife of W. H. O. Dyer; Julia F., wife of William F. J. McKee; Addison C.; John A., deceased; Cora E., deceased, married to Elwood Yocum; and Lulu V., married to Harry E. Snyder.

Addison C. Miller, son of Amandus S. Miller, was born Oct. 28, 1872, on the Miller homestead in Shamokin township. After attending the public schools he went to McKee & McCullough's business college at Shamokin. Practically all his business years have been devoted to farming. In the spring of 1892 he engaged in farming on the homestead, where he remained until 1901, in which year he removed to the place upon which he has since lived, in Upper Augusta township. It is a tract of 125 acres, at the end of the narrows, south of Sunbury, and was formerly the Henry Arnold farm. Mr. Miller is a prosperous and thoroughly modern farmer, progressive in his work and in adopting up-to-date devices and methods in his agricultural operations. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, disposing of his milk at wholesale in Sunbury. His home is equipped with all the modern conveniences, and everything about the farm bespeaks well-directed energy. In short, he is a typical member of the Miller family, whose industry and thrift are proverbial in this section.

On Aug. 31, 1899, Mr. Miller married Lizzie Snyder, daughter of John N. Snyder, a retired farmer, now living in the borough of Sunbury. One daughter has been born to this union, Violet Catharine. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat on political questions.

**JOHN WACHTER**, who holds the responsible position of outside foreman at the Hickory Ridge colliery, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, has been engaged there in that connection since 1898. He was born Dec. 27, 1858,

in Baden, Germany, son of Nathan and Atilia (Heid) Wachter, both of whom died in the Fatherland. The father was a farmer by occupation. There were six children in the family: Rudolph, Max and Robert, all now deceased; John; and Fenorica and Victoria, both living in Germany.

John Wachter attended school in his native country and meantime helped with the work on the farm until he reached the age of fourteen. He then learned the carpenter trade. Coming to America in the early eighties, he landed at New York City Sept. 7th, and after a day and a night at that point went on to Philadelphia, where he spent a week. He arrived in Shamokin Sept. 28th, and soon found work at his trade, which he followed at various places in this section, for twelve years filling the position of boss carpenter at the Nelson colliery. In 1898 he came to Hickory Ridge (Sagon post office), having been made outside foreman at the Hickory Ridge colliery. The fact that he has 360 men and boys in his charge is sufficient to show that he is a trustworthy and reliable man for the place he has efficiently filled for these twelve years. He has the respect of his employers and of the men with whom he is associated, and is known to all as an intelligent, faithful worker. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of the community into which his work has brought him.

Mr. Wachter married Barbara Waltford, a native of Switzerland, who came to America before her marriage, in the same ship which brought over her future husband. They have become the parents of a large family, namely: John N., who is employed as an engineer at the Hickory Ridge colliery and resides in Shamokin; Clara, who married Thomas Connolly, an engineer at Hickory Ridge; Bertha, who is still attending school; Ida, who died when four and a half years old; Lena, who died at the age of eight years; Anna, who died when one year old; Henry, who died when nine months old; Ludwig, Charles and William, all of whom died in infancy; and Emma, who died at the age of five and a half years.

The Wachters are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Wachter is a Republican in his political views, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to a lodge at Shamokin. On July 1, 1909, he set out on a trip to Germany with his wife and two daughters, and they had nine weeks of enjoyable travel, visiting his sisters and various places of interest on the Continent. They were among the passengers on the "George Washington" on its first trip across the Atlantic.

**ELLIS F. ORNER** has been engaged in merchandising since he retired from mine work, and he has a well established business at Gowen City, in Cameron township, where he has been located since 1899. Mr. Orner was born in Adams county,



Pa., seven miles from Gettysburg, son of Jeremiah Orner. The family is of German origin. His grandfather, who lived and died in Adams county, had children as follows: Amos, Samuel, Jonas, Solomon, Israel, Felix, Jeremiah and Mary.

Jeremiah Orner was a carpenter by trade and worked by the day in Adams county, where he made his home for some time. He died April 27, 1905, at the home of his son Ellis in Gowen City, Northumberland county, aged seventy-five years, three months, twenty-three days. He is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Gowen City. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company I, 165th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after the war he never fully recovered his health. Removing with his family to Shamokin, he followed mining for some time. Mr. Orner was a member of the G. A. R. He married Catharine Hartzel, daughter of Henry Hartzel, of Adams county, Pa., who belonged to a prominent family of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Orner had the following children: Ellis F.; Henry, who is living in Shamokin; and Clara, who married William Gephart, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Ellis F. Orner attended public school in Adams county. He remained with his father, moving to Shamokin with the family, and was employed at the mines also, though not at regular mine work, running an engine most of the time. He was thus engaged for a period of eighteen years. In 1899 Mr. Orner began the mercantile business at Gowen City, where he has since been established. He has not only made an excellent name as a business man, but has served his fellow citizens in various public capacities, having been tax collector and school director of the township. Socially he is well known in this locality, belonging to the Odd Fellows and the Red Men, the latter organization holding its meetings in the hall above his store; the Red Men's Band, which includes three of his sons in its membership, also meets there. In political opinion he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Orner married Matilda Koons, daughter of Michael Koons, of Northumberland county, and to them have been born the following children: Olive (married to Amos Frederick), Clara, O. Ellsworth, Harvey, Charles, William and Evelina.

**MARTIN L. HENRY**, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is a member of the firm of English & Henry, of that borough, importers and jobbers of hosiery, underwear and notions, manufacturers of overalls and shirts.

**WILLIAM F. KEEFER**, of Sunbury, has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from boyhood, and is now chief clerk to the superintendent. He has been prominent in the municipal life of the borough, where he has been

honored with offices of trust, and is at present secretary of the board of trustees of the Mary M. Packer hospital, of which he has been a trustee since 1900.

This Keefer family was established in America by Mr. Keefer's grandfather, Baltzer Keefer, a native of Wittenburg, Germany, who was born Feb. 21, 1812, and coming to this country settled at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1839. He was a cooper, and followed his trade to some extent after coming here, working around the coal wharves at Sunbury. His wife, Elizabeth Knoebel, was born Oct. 26, 1812, and was from the same locality as himself in Germany, where they had known each other, but they were married in this country. Mrs. Keefer died Jan. 3, 1881, and Mr. Keefer Jan. 21, 1892, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Six children were born to them, as follows: Philip, who is a resident of Sunbury; Jacob K.; John, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., who is a paper-hanger by occupation (he is unmarried); Leona, who died in infancy in December, 1841; Reuben, who died in infancy in June, 1847; and Charlotte, who died April 11, 1855, aged four years, six months.

Jacob K. Keefer, son of Baltzer, was born Nov. 15, 1842, in Sunbury, where he has made his home all his life. In his fourteenth year he commenced to learn the printing trade, which he has ever since followed. On Aug. 19, 1861, Mr. Keefer enlisted in Company C, 47th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served a term of three years, at the close of which he reenlisted for four years or during the war. He was mustered out Dec. 26, 1865, at Charleston, S. C. He rose to the rank of lieutenant during his long and faithful service, and in his home locality he is generally referred to as "Colonel" Keefer. Upon his retirement from the army he returned to Sunbury and resumed work at his trade, and he has always been a steady-going reliable citizen, respected by all who know him. He is a Republican in political matters.

Mr. Keefer married Margaret Hafer, daughter of John Hafer, late of Paxinos, Pa., and she died in 1882, aged forty-four years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer, two of whom died when young; the survivors are William F. and Edward, the latter a printer of Sunbury.

William F. Keefer was born Dec. 4, 1866, in Sunbury, and there received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1881. On Jan. 16, 1882, he became a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, continuing in that capacity until Jan. 1, 1887, when he was promoted to clerk. He was thus engaged in the superintendent's office until May 1st of that year, when he was again promoted, to the telegraph department, remaining there until May 1, 1890, when he was





made train dispatcher. On March 1, 1895, he became chief clerk to the train master, and on Aug. 1, 1900, chief clerk to the superintendent, in which position he has continued to serve up to the present time. His duties have been discharged with ability and efficiency, and he has made a record which won the confidence of those that know him to such an extent that he has been well supported in his candidacy for political office. For six years he was a member of the council of Sunbury, serving as president of that body two years. He is a Republican on political questions. In August, 1900, he became a trustee of the Mary M. Packer hospital, and as previously stated is now secretary of the board. In every association of life he has been recognized as a man fitted for responsibility, and he has justified the confidence of his fellowmen in his devotion to any work intrusted to him. He is a representative citizen of the borough in every way. Mr. Keefer has a well selected library, containing a number of valuable works.

On June 21, 1888, Mr. Keefer married Clara M. Zimmerman, youngest daughter of Peter and Harriet (Malick) Zimmerman and granddaughter of John and Magdelene (Fetherolf) Zimmerman. They have had five children: Sarah A., Clarence F. (who died Dec. 9, 1898, aged nine years), Mabel F. and Myrtle M. (twins) and Helen. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a member of the Old Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, of Sunbury Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

MORRIS WETZEL, a young farmer of Lower Augusta township who has shown ability and enterprise in his profitable management of an excellent farm of 100 acres, was born June 28, 1883, at Selinsgrove Junction, Northumberland county. He is a descendant of Jacob Wetzel, a pioneer settler of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., who made his last will and testament May 8, 1785, and died prior to Nov. 9, 1785, the date the will was probated. He makes ample provision for his "worthy" wife, Maria, who survived him. His children were: Jacob, Johannes, George, Philip, Catarina, Peter, Heinrich, Conrad (who was left the large "Bossler" Bible) and Marialiss. One of these sons settled in the Mahantango valley in Northumberland county and founded the branch of the family in which we are interested.

John Wetzel, the great-grandfather of Morris Wetzel, was an early settler in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, living near the Uniontown road, on a tract now owned by Jonathan Byerly. He was a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, in Lower Mahanoy, where his wife, whose maiden name was Leffler, also rests. They had the follow-

ing children, all now deceased: Peter, who lived in Snyder county, Pa.; John, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township; Jeremiah; Abby, Mrs. Daniel Hepner; Mrs. John Howard; Mrs. Mattern, and Mrs. John Wentzel.

Jeremiah Wetzel, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a lifelong farmer, in 1840 coming to Lower Augusta township, where he owned and occupied the property which now belongs to his son Isaac, a tract of farm land lying along the Susquehanna river. He built the dwelling on that place in 1862, and the barn was put up by Isaac Wetzel in 1900. An intelligent and public-spirited man, he took an interest in the general welfare and served as supervisor of the township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the United Evangelical Association, belonging to the church at Herndon. He died in 1878 and is buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry. (Among the River cemetery records we find a Jeremiah Wetzel who died Feb. 4, 1887, aged seventy-three years, eleven months, twenty-three days; wife Magdalena, born June 29, 1811, died Aug. 1, 1871; second wife, Sarah, died Feb. 2, 1884, aged seventy-three years, three months, three days.) By his wife Mary Magdalena (Peifer), daughter of John Peifer, Jeremiah Wetzel had a large family, several of whom died young; James lived and died at Sunbury; Levi died at Fisher's Ferry Jan. 22, 1901, aged sixty-five years, eight months, five days (his wife Harriet died April 22, 1901, aged sixty-one years, seven months, one day); Lovina married Solomon Glace; Edward is a resident of Indiana; William died at Sunbury; Mary married Paul Hollenbach and (second) Solomon Raker; Jeremiah is a resident of Titusville, Pa.; Isaac is mentioned below; Eliza married Hiram Wayne; Cornelius, born in 1849, died in 1863; Henry died young; Jacob died young.

Isaac Wetzel, son of Jeremiah, was born May 19, 1846, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was educated in the public schools and was reared to farming, continuing to work for his father until he attained his majority. He then began to work on the Northern Central railroad, and for fifteen years was engaged at railroading. At the end of that period he bought his father's homestead and took to farming, which he has followed ever since. His property contains thirty-eight acres, which he cultivates systematically, making a good living. He attends the markets occasionally. Mr. Wetzel served his township as school director for six years. In 1875 he married Sarah Reitz, daughter of Abraham Reitz, of Swabian Creek, and they have a family of ten children: Samuel H., who married Mary Martz; Susan Matilda, who married George Olmstead; George H., who married Susan Dawson; I. Newton, who married May Adams; Mor-





ris; Mary, who married Henry C. DeWitt; Charles W., who married Mary Lahr; Walter Ray; Claud Howard, and Catharine. Mr. Wetzel and his family are members of the Augusta Baptist Church, of which he has been a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat.

Samuel H. Wetzel, son of Isaac, was born May 23, 1876, in Lower Augusta township, and there passed his early life. In 1896 he moved to the borough of Herndon, where for seven years he clerked in the general store of E. C. Adams. In 1904 he learned the baking business, which he has since continued to follow. He was the first to enter this line of business in his borough, and he has made a great success of his enterprise. He has been prominently identified with public affairs there, has served as borough auditor, and in the spring of 1909 was elected chief burgess, which office he is now filling. Politically he is a Democrat, socially a member of the Modern Woodmen, and in religion he and his family are of the Reformed faith. On Oct. 19, 1902, Mr. Wetzel married Mary Martz, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Snyder) Martz, and they have two children, Geraldine M. and Charles H.

Morris Wetzel was reared in the usual manner of farm boys and obtained a public school education. He worked for his parents until he was fourteen, after which he continued on the home farm as hired man for six years. The next five years he was employed on the railroad, and in the spring of 1905 began farming where he now lives, in Lower Augusta township, on a tract of 100 acres which was formerly the W. H. Swinehart homestead. The farm came into Mr. Wetzel's possession through his marriage into the Swinehart family. He raises general crops, and is adopting the most approved up-to-date methods in his work, which has been highly successful. He is regarded as one of the substantial young citizens of the township.

On Feb. 7, 1905, Mr. Wetzel married Minnie A. Swinehart, daughter of William H. and Sallie (Snyder) Swinehart. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel are members of the Baptist Church.

John Swinehart, great-grandfather of Mrs. Wetzel, lived in Little Mahanoy township, on a farm now owned by a Deppen. He was a pioneer settler in that region, and in 1814, when the first triennial assessment of Little Mahanoy was made, was one of the taxable residents of the township. He and his wife Margaret are buried at Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. In 1900 Enoch Swinehart, a descendant of John, was the only male member of the congregation bearing the name. To John and Margaret Swinehart were born the following children: John, who married Betzy Drumheller; Samuel, who never married; Daniel; and Mary, who never married. The Little Mahanoy Church records show one

Henry Swinehart, born Oct. 31, 1793, died Sept. 11, 1869; his son Samuel, born in 1823, died in 1875, was a soldier in the Civil war.

Daniel Swinehart, son of John, passed his childhood and early manhood in Little Mahanoy township, coming thence across the mountain and settling in Lower Augusta township, where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He owned the place which later passed into the possession of his son William and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wetzel. He is buried at the Brick Lutheran and Reformed Church. He married Judith Heilman, daughter of Daniel Heilman, and they had these children: Maria, Adam, Hannah, William, Judith, and three who died young.

William H. Swinehart, son of Daniel, lived in Lower Augusta township. He taught school there (except for one term in Lower Mahanoy) until he reached the age of twenty-five years, and in 1866 engaged in merchandising at Fisher's Ferry, where he continued, in that line, until 1871, when he was burned out, his establishment being a complete ruin. In the spring of 1872 he began farming at the place where his son-in-law, Morris Wetzel, now lives, and where in 1876 he built the comfortable dwelling now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel. He built the barn in 1895. He was a successful man and a most respected citizen, and his death, which occurred Feb. 19, 1906, when he was aged sixty-two years, nine months, six days, was regarded as a loss to the community. He is buried at the Augusta Baptist Church.

On May 31, 1868, Mr. Swinehart married Sallie Snyder, daughter of Thomas and Esther (Randall) Snyder, and they had two children: Edwin Boyd, who died in 1873, aged one year, less three days; and Minnie A., wife of Morris Wetzel.

SAMUEL L. WEITZEL, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury and resides not far from that borough, in Rockefeller township, comes of a family which has been represented in that neighborhood for many years. His great-great-grandfather, John Weitzel, was the first merchant at Sunbury.

John Weitzel was born Dec. 30, 1752, at Lancaster, Pa., son of Paul and Charlotte Weitzel. The following is taken from a history of the county published some years ago: He obtained a fair education at his native town, and was sent to Philadelphia at an early age to learn the business of merchandising. He opened the first store at the site of Sunbury in 1771 in a log building near the bank of the river below Market street, and from that time until his death was prominently and responsibly connected with public affairs. At the organization of Northumberland county in 1772 he was one of its first commissioners. On the 29th of July, 1775, he was commissioned as a justice of



the county court; to this office he was recommissioned on the 9th of June, 1777, for the term of seven years. At the organization of the committee of Safety for Northumberland county, Feb. 8, 1776, he appeared as a member from Augusta township, and participated in the deliberations of that body until Aug. 13, 1776. In the Provincial Conference of June 18, 1776, he was one of the representatives from Northumberland county; on the 8th of July he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and in that body of ninety-six members, "the representative men of the State," he was the youngest delegate; and, as a member of the Council of Safety from July 24, 1776, to March 13, 1777, he participated in its deliberations during the first months of the State government. On the 22d of January, 1776, he qualified as county commissioner, in which office and as justice of the county courts he was actively connected with the conduct of civil affairs in the county during the Revolution. July 7, 1780, he was commissioned issuing commissary for this county, and in 1782-84 served as contractor of supplies for the State troops. In this capacity he furnished provisions for the detachments stationed at Fort Rice and in Buffalo Valley in 1782 and the companies of Captains Robinson and Shrawder at Wyoming in 1783-84, performing the duties of his office with promptness, energy and fidelity. He was again commissioned as a justice of the county courts June 19, 1789, serving until 1791, and in the autumn of 1789 was elected county commissioner for the term of three years. In 1794 he was appointed by act of the Legislature one of the commissioners for the erection of public buildings at Sunbury, and in this responsible position acted in a public capacity for the last time, as his death occurred in 1799. He was twice married, first to Tabitha, daughter of John and Rose Morris, of Philadelphia, by whom he had four children: John, Paul, Charlotte and Mary. His second wife was Elizabeth Susanna, daughter of Paul Lebo, of Lancaster, and sister of Henry Lebo, and by her he had three children: George, Elizabeth and Tabitha. At the time of his death John Weitzel resided at a stone dwelling on Market street, subsequently kept as a hotel by his family many years. In connection with his business as a merchant he operated a mill two miles east of Sunbury; it was built by Casper Weitzel, his brother, who died in 1782, and was run successively by his son, John Weitzel, Jr., and his grandson, Joseph Weitzel, who was long the oldest living representative of the family.

Casper Weitzel, the brother of John Weitzel mentioned, was the first resident practicing attorney of Northumberland county. He was born in 1748 at Lancaster, was admitted to the bar of Lancaster county in 1769, and in August, 1772, was admitted to practice at Sunbury, where the

early records show that he received a large share of the legal business. His talents and patriotism were early recognized. He was a member of the Provincial Convention of January, 1775, from Northumberland county. On Feb. 7, 1776, he was elected first major of the battalion of the lower division of the county; on March 9, 1776, he was appointed captain of a company recruited by himself at Sunbury, which was attached to Col. Samuel Miles's Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment and was the second company formed in Northumberland county. It suffered serious loss at the battle of Long Island, and in consequence of the great misfortunes met with there was consolidated with other commands in October and thus lost its individuality. Captain Weitzel returned to Sunbury, where he died in 1782.

John Weitzel, Jr., son of John and Tabitha (Morris) Weitzel, was born at Sunbury March 24, 1772. He was a merchant and miller there, and in the later years of his life occupied the farm where his son Joseph Weitzel so long resided. He died there Oct. 9, 1835. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as justice of the peace from 1806 to 1830. He married Elizabeth Walters, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, who was born on the same day that the battle of Germantown was fought. They were the parents of five children, among whom were Joseph and William.

Joseph Weitzel, son of John Weitzel, Jr., was born Oct. 5, 1808, and lived to be over ninety, dying in March, 1899. He is buried in the South Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. A man of energy, executive ability and large interests, he was a citizen of more than ordinary prominence throughout his active years in the district where he resided. He was a millwright and a lifelong miller, operating the mill on Little Shamokin creek, two miles east of Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, along the line of Upper Augusta township, on the property now owned by his grandson, Samuel L. Weitzel. The mill has now been razed, only the ruins marking its site. For fourteen years Mr. Weitzel also ran a distillery, operated a sawmill for a time, and bought and sold grain and lumber. He was a carpenter as well as millwright. In fact, his versatility and gift of managing various kinds of enterprises made him familiar with many lines. He had a farm of about three hundred acres. A tall, lusty, well proportioned man, he had the physical as well as the mental strength necessary to carry his undertakings to success. In politics he was an old-line Whig, later a Republican, and in his religious views he was a Lutheran.

In 1832 Mr. Weitzel married Sarah Woodruff, daughter of John Woodruff, a native of Middletown, who settled in Rockefeller township. She died July 19, 1884, aged over sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Weitzel had the following children: Paul R.,





formerly of Scranton, now of Philadelphia; John, deceased; Charles B.; William; Lot B., formerly of Kansas, now living in Rockefeller township; George B., of Philadelphia; Lizzie, Mrs. Ellis Vandling; and Joseph, deceased.

William Weitzel, son of Joseph Weitzel, lived on the homestead of his father, in Rockefeller township, now owned by his son Samuel, and followed farming. He died July 14, 1875, at the age of thirty-nine years, a member of the Reformed congregation at Lantz's Church. Mr. Weitzel married Susan Culp, daughter of Peter Culp, and seven children were born to them: Emma A. (deceased) married S. G. Arnold; Jordan H. is an engineer on the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania railroad and resides at Rock Glen, Pa.; William E., who lives at Harrisburg, is a passenger engineer on the Eastern division of the Pennsylvania railroad; Samuel L. is mentioned below; David C. is in Cleveland, Ohio; Lizzie J. married William Renn, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Sarah Gertrude married J. H. Cooper, of Sunbury, a conductor on the Sunbury division.

Samuel L. Weitzel was born Nov. 26, 1862, in Rockefeller township, on the Weitzel homestead. There he grew to manhood, living on the farm and working at agricultural pursuits and in his father's mill and sawmill until after his marriage. Leaving the home place Sept. 19, 1889, he went to work in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's shops at Sunbury, where he has since been employed. Until 1905 he was engaged at car repairing, and has since been a piece work inspector, holding a responsible position, which he has proved himself competent to fill. Except for his interest in the church, Mr. Weitzel has been content to look after his private affairs, having refused offers of local office, and taking little part in politics beyond the casting of his vote. He is a Republican. He has a nice home two miles east of Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, and owns a 112-acre farm, a valuable and well cultivated tract, which he has rented to his son-in-law. He and his family are Reformed members of the Lantz Church, which he served some years as deacon, is now an elder, and for many years was in the church council. He is also Sunday school superintendent at present.

On April 20, 1884, Mr. Weitzel married Annie E. Bartholomew, daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Houck) Bartholomew, of Rockefeller township, and they have had seven children: Ethel B., Mrs. A. B. Culp; Erma G., Mrs. P. H. Grady; Leo M., who died aged one year, one month, ten days; Naomi D.; A. Elizabeth; Miriam; and a daughter that died in infancy.

**WILLIAM H. HOWELLS**, now living retired in the borough of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was engaged as a miner all his active life, for a period of over sixty years. Mr. Howells was

born Feb. 13, 1840, at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of James Howells.

James Howells was a native of Wales, and on coming to this country landed at Philadelphia, July 4, 1838. He had followed farming in his own country. Locating at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he engaged in mining, and remained in that vicinity to the end of his days, dying at Black Valley, near Minersville, at the age of fifty-one years. He married Mary Morgan, like himself a native of Wales, who died at Branch Dale, in Schuylkill county. Twelve children were born to them, only six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Anna, who was born in Wales; Watkins, who was three months old when the family came to America; William H.; Rosser, who died while serving in the Civil war; James, who died in Texas; and Benjamin, who died in Colorado. All the sons of this family served in the Civil war and had creditable army records.

William H. Howells began life at the mines when a boy in the humblest position, picking slate. By diligence and satisfactory work he advanced until he became fire boss, holding such responsible position and others of trust for many years before his retirement, in 1908. He was engaged in the mines for sixty years and for one year at outside work. Coming to Shamokin in 1887, he was first employed here as inside foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, later going to the Cameron colliery, where he was assistant boss for about eighteen years, until he retired to spend his days in leisure. He is well known in the coal region, among employers and employees, and is a man respected for industry and high character wherever he has been placed.

Mr. Howells is a Republican in political opinion but has never been active in public affairs. However, he was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company A, 129th Regiment. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, Pa.; in Chapter No. 221, R. A. M., and in Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville. In religion he is connected with the Mennonite Church.

Mr. Howells married Margaret (Prosser) Brown, widow of Owen Brown. All of the six children born to this union died young. Mr. and Mrs. Howells have their home at No. 17 South Seventh street, Shamokin.

**HORACE C. BLUE, JR.**, special agent at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, is a member of a family long identified with Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and the adjacent territory in that county and in Montour county.

Samuel Blue, his grandfather, was born in Chillisquaque township, son of Isaac Blue, and he lived





at Danville, Montour county, where he conducted the "Mansion House." His wife was Abbie Hullivan, and their children were: Mary E., Thomas H., William D., Clarence F. and Horace C. (clerk in the county commissioner's office at Danville).

Thomas H. Blue, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 28, 1847, at Washingtonville, Montour county, and in the fall of 1865 came to Sunbury, where he commenced to learn the machinist's trade. In the spring of 1866 he moved to the borough of Northumberland, where he has since made his home, though he has had interests which have taken him to various places. He continued to follow the machinist's trade for thirty-five years, being engaged at such work in the navy yard at Washington, D. C., for eight years, after which he found employment in that line at Danville and Northumberland. For two years he was located in Shelbyville, Tenn., where he had charge of an ice manufacturing plant, and in the spring of 1910 he took charge of the plant of the Sunbury Ice Manufacturing Company, which has a capacity of twenty-five tons per day of twenty-four hours. He continues to reside at Northumberland. In 1868 Mr. Blue married Adda Eckert, daughter of George and Elsie (Ulp) Eckert, of that place, and they have had six children: Charles S., of Shelbyville, Tenn.; Hope F., of Winchester, Tenn.; Horace C., of Sunbury; Robert E., of Northumberland; Mary S., deceased, and Walter, deceased. Mr. Blue and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Horace C. Blue was born March 9, 1877, at Northumberland, and received his early education in the public schools there. Later he was a student at Danville, and in the State Normal school at Bloomsburg, Pa. For about a year afterward he filled a position as traveling salesman in the western part of the State. Returning to Northumberland, he became connected with the Pennsylvania railroad service in 1895 as messenger, later becoming clerk, and in 1906 special agent, in which capacity he is now engaged. He is engaged in the general claim department at Williamsport, his work taking him all over the Sunbury, Lewistown and Shamokin division. Since 1901 he has made his home in the borough of Sunbury, where he is interested in the ice business, he having been one of the organizers, in January, 1909, of the Sunbury Ice Manufacturing Company, which manufactures ice from distilled water, the purest sold in Sunbury. The establishment is conducted along hygienic lines, and the business has been a success from the start, seven two-horse teams being kept constantly on the road, serving the large trade which has been built up. Mr. Blue is president and manager of this company, and he also has interests in ice plants in Tennessee. He is an enterprising young business man and thoroughly respected in his community.

On Aug. 27, 1900, Mr. Blue was married to Mary

Cameron Packer, daughter of Cameron Packer, late of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Blue are connected with the Episcopal Church, where he sang in the choir for some years.

DAVID P. RUSSELL, engineer at the Latsha pumping station for the National Transit Company, is a native of Canada, born Oct. 30, 1871, at Port Hope, Ontario. The Russell family hails from Strathaven, Scotland, and its members are people of rank, tracing their line back in Scotland to Lord Patterson.

David Russell, grandfather of David P. Russell, was born in Strathaven, and came to America in 1851, landing at New York. For a few years he lived in New York State, thence moving to Cold Springs, Ontario, and later to Port Hope, seven miles west of Cold Springs. By trade he was a carpet weaver, and he was a prosperous and thrifty man, acquiring considerable real estate. He was interested in public affairs, the leader of a band of Liberals located in a Conservative stronghold. A Scotch Presbyterian in religious faith, he was a worker in the church and choir leader for many years, a man of the highest repute and character. He died in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven, and is buried at Port Hope. His wife, Anne (Cochran), daughter of John Cochran, died Jan. 7, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. Their children were Joseph and Robert G., the former, now deceased, having lived in Lancaster county, Pa.; he was superintendent of all the Standard Oil subsidiaries in Pennsylvania.

Robert G. Russell, son of David, was born March 12, 1836 or 1837, lived for a number of years at Millway, Lancaster Co., Pa., being foreman for the Standard Oil Company in that region. He held a most responsible position, having at times as few as 125 men under his supervision and again as many as several thousands. On April 1, 1908, he retired and removed to Port Hope, Ontario, where he has since made his home. He married Lena Chislett, whose parents, Robert and Charlotte (Manley) Chislett, of England, came to America before her birth, settling in Port Hope, Canada. Robert G. and Lena (Chislett) Russell had three sons and three daughters: David P.; William C., who is foreman for the Bell Telephone Company, of Newark, N. J.; Robert F., of Millway, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Mertie M.; Anne C.; and Lena C.

David P. Russell received his education in the public schools of his native province, about the equal of a high school course in the Pennsylvania schools. When a youth of seventeen he commenced to learn telegraphy, on Nov. 21, 1888, becoming an employe of the Standard Oil Company, in whose employ he has remained continuously since. Since 1894 he has been an engineer. On Nov. 21, 1889, he came to the Latsha pumping station, in



Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa., which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company. Here he met his future wife, Lydia M. Otto, daughter of Washington and Harriet Otto, and they were married Sept. 18, 1893. They have four children, Jesse M., Edith M., Robert Fred and Lena H.

Politically Mr. Russell is a Republican, and though living in a Democratic stronghold was elected a member of the school board of Jackson township. Fraternally he is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH D. WAGNER, of Sunbury, has been in the postal service there since 1897, and at present holds a clerkship in the office. In his early years he was engaged in school teaching for a number of terms in the lower end of Northumberland county and for five years followed that profession in Sunbury.

Mr. Wagner was born Aug. 24, 1864, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, and is a great-grandson of Jacob Wagner, a native of Berks county, Pa., who was born and reared in the Tulpehocken valley. He was there married to Anna Maria Rentschler, a member of an old Berks county family, and this couple came to Northumberland county, settling on a farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by Daniel Reitz. On this old farm is a graveyard where Mrs. Wagner is buried, the spot being marked by a marble tombstone. Jacob Wagner is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. They were Lutherans in religious faith. They had a family of eight children (several of the older ones born in Berks county), namely: Michael, Jacob, George, Samuel, Catharine (married William Baker and moved to Michigan), Magdalena (married Frederick Latsha and lived at Swabian Creek), Rosina (married Adam Daniel, of Jackson township) and Betzy (married Jacob Reitz and lived at Red Bank, Pa.). Of the sons,

Michael Wagner married Susanna Holshue and they lived and died at Lewisburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith by occupation. Their children were: Adam, Daniel, Jesse, Leonard, Isaac, Polly, Hetty and Betzy.

Jacob Wagner married Sally Seiler, of Jackson township, and they had children: Salinda, Elias, Carolina, Harriet, Amanda, Emanuel and Stephen. About 1845 they moved out to Illinois, making the journey by wagon, and there lived and died. Several of their younger children were born in that State.

George Wagner was a shoemaker. He married Betzy Seitz, of the Swabian Creek section, and they are buried at Little Mahanoy Church. They had children: Samuel, Peter, John, David, Rosina and Bevy.

Samuel Wagner passed the greater part of his life in Little Mahanoy township, where he owned

a tract of land now the property of Hiram Reed. He was a tailor by trade. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and he and his wife, Catharine (Ferster), are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. They had children as follows: Henry died young; Levi is a resident of Washington township, this county; Durrell lives at Geneva, Fla.; George is a resident of Polo, Ill.; Augustus died at Shamokin, Pa.; Isaac F. was the father of Joseph D. Wagner; Moses (deceased) lived in Washington township; Julia (deceased) married Jacob Gass; Rebecca (deceased) married Samuel Feese; Polly is the wife of Henry Derrick; Anna (deceased) married Benjamin Zartman.

Isaac F. Wagner, son of Samuel, was born Nov. 21, 1843, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died Nov. 22, 1905. He was a shoemaker, following his trade among the farmers of his section for many years, and was a well known man. He was assessor of his township for many years and also served as school director. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family being members of the Little Mahanoy Church, where he is buried. He married Esther Derr, daughter of William and Hannah (Reed) Derr, of Little Mahanoy township, and fifteen children were born to this union: Joseph D.; William, who died aged thirteen years, eight months and twenty-seven days; Cassa Miah, wife of Levi G. Knouse, living at Sunbury; Samuel, who died when aged one year, seventeen days; Wilson D., of Shamokin, Pa.; Hannah J., wife of David Furman, of Rockefeller township, this county; Mary Ida, an invalid, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, eight months and twenty-seven days; Edgar D. of Sunbury; Charles L., of Herndon, this county; Tama Cora, who is a sister in the Mary J. Drexel home at Philadelphia; Stephen D., of Sunbury; Francis D., of Pennbrook, Pa.; Isaac L., of Chester, Pa.; Robert D., of Philadelphia; and Esther Gertrude, who died when eighteen years old, at The Training School for Feeble-minded, of Western Pennsylvania, Polk, Pennsylvania.

Joseph D. Wagner received the greater part of his education in the public schools of his native township, and for twenty-eight weeks was a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. When twenty years old he began teaching, a profession he followed for a number of years, being engaged in Little Mahanoy township three years; in Cameron township, two years; at Dalmatia, in the normal school and public school one year; at Snyder-town, two years; and at Sunbury, five years—thirteen years in all. On Nov. 1, 1897, Mr. Wagner was appointed carrier No. 1 in Sunbury, after passing the civil service examination with the second best average (89.2) in a class of forty. He was thus engaged for eleven years and one month, on Dec. 15, 1908, being transferred to a clerkship, which he now holds. He is an employee of





the highest efficiency and highly esteemed as a citizen throughout the borough.

On March 17, 1888, Mr. Wagner married Phoebe J. Long, daughter of Samuel C. and Lydia (Dunkelberger) Long, of Little Mahanoy township, and they had one child, William D., born May 14, 1889, who died when six days old. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner reside in their own home at No. 1030 Chestnut street, Sunbury. They are members of Zion's Lutheran Church, and Mr. Wagner belongs to Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A.; to the Modern Woodmen of America; to the Clerks' and Letter Carriers' Association, and to the Friendship Hose Company of Sunbury.

P. H. TYE, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is engaged in a general blacksmithing business at the corner of Second and Maple streets. He deals in carriages, wagons and sleighs, builds and repairs wagons, does horseshoeing, carriage painting, etc.

THEODORE TALPASH, proprietor of the Talpash Cafe and Hotel, located at No. 318 East Sunbury street, Shamokin, has been in business there since 1899 and is a very well known citizen of the borough. He has been quite a prominent worker among those of his own nationality and is very popular.

Mr. Talpash was born Oct. 28, 1859, in Galicia, Austria, son of Lucus Talpash, who followed farming in that country and died there. Theodore Talpash received his education in the public schools of his native land and was reared to farming, which he followed until he entered the army, at the age of twenty years. He served four years and two months as a soldier, taking part in the local war of the revolution between the Turks and the Austrians, and at the expiration of this period returned to his home. But his father came to the conclusion that army life had spoiled the young man for farming, and after three months he determined to try his fortune in America. Leaving his home March 13, 1884, he landed at New York City April 3d, and came on at once to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where a number of his fellow countrymen were settled. For about five years after settling here Mr. Talpash followed mining, being engaged by Baumgardner & Douty, at the Enterprise colliery. He then began keeping store on North Shamokin street, but after seven months in that line changed to his present business. His cafe and hotel are well managed, and he has a profitable patronage, built up by excellent business methods and successful catering to the wants of his customers. His reputation as citizen and business man has always been above reproach.

Mr. Talpash was one of the organizers of the Ruthenian Catholic Church in Shamokin, of which he is still a trustee, and he is one of those devoted

members who by their untiring efforts have brought the parish to its present prosperous condition and made possible the erection of the magnificent church now approaching completion. He has also been active in the various societies connected with the church. He is a member of the Russian Union of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Talpash's wife, Anastaze, is also a native of Austria. They have a family of five children: Ulger, Jennie, Helen, Annie and John.

DANIEL C. BLANK, who has been a resident of Sunbury since 1872, has been a railroad man since 1866 and an engineer since 1886, running on the Pennsylvania railroad. He has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company for the long period of thirty-eight years.

Mr. Blank is a son of Samuel Blank and grandson of Joseph Blank, who lived in Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., whither he came at an early period in the history of the settlement of Columbia and Montour counties. He owned a farm, but was obliged to retire at a comparatively early age, because of rheumatism, which so affected him in his closing years that he could not walk without using two canes. He died at Berwick about 1870, at a very advanced age, and is buried near that place. Mr. Blank was a Methodist in his earlier years, later uniting with the Evangelical Association. He was twice married, and survived both wives. His family consisted of three children, all born to the first union, namely: Samuel, and Joseph and Polly, twins. Joseph lived near Berwick. Polly married Jacob Kissner.

Samuel Blank, son of Joseph, was born in 1814 and died in 1868, aged fifty-four years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and is buried in the old Lutheran cemetery back of Briar Creek, in Columbia county. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Maria Klinetob, daughter of Christopher and Catharine Klinetob, of Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and she died in 1867, at the age of forty-eight years, the mother of the following named children: One daughter that died in infancy; Katie Ann, who died young; Rolandus, of West Pittston, Pa.; Elmira, wife of Benjamin Eveland, living at Jonestown, Pa.; Daniel C.; Malinda (deceased), who married Samuel M. Smith and lived in Forty Fort, Luzerne county; Jennie, widow of Samuel Poet, who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and was killed at Duncannon, Pa. (she lives at Harrisburg); Sarah, widow of Wilson Stoudt, living at Sunbury; Louisa (deceased), who married Webster Gensel, now a resident of Berwick, Pa.; and Annie (deceased), wife of Thomas Poet (brother of Samuel, who married her sister Jennie), who lives in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Daniel C. Blank was born July 5, 1848, in Sugar Loaf township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was only a





youth of sixteen when he enlisted, Sept. 2, 1864, from Columbia county, for one year, to serve as a musician. He became a member of Company I, 110th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was present at Lee's surrender and received an honorable discharge May 30, 1865, at Arlington Heights, Va., by reason of the close of the war. In 1886 Mr. Blank began work as a railroad man, and has been thus engaged ever since. He first worked for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company, later for the Northern Central and then for the Philadelphia & Erie, both the latter being now under the control of the Pennsylvania, for which he has been working thirty-eight years. Since 1886 he has been engaged as an engineer. His efficiency and trustworthiness may be best judged by the length of his service, which of itself would constitute a remarkable record. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

On Aug. 25, 1872, Mr. Blank married Emma C. Sensenbach, daughter of Charles and Oradio (Gold—now Gould) Sensenbach, who died at Sunbury, but were earlier of Nazareth, Pa. Mrs. Blank had the following brothers and sisters: Sarah, who died aged twelve years; Cloyde, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Mary E., who is the widow of Daniel Paden; James, of Louisville, Ky. (he was drowned at that place, in 1910); Angus, of St. Louis, Mo.; Charles A., of Sunbury; Elmer, of Lewisville, Pa.; and David G., of Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Blank have had four children: Harry N., of Pittsburg, Pa.; George W., of Pittsburg; Bessie A., married to Samuel D. Best, a merchant of Sunbury; and Charles W., at home.

GEORGE W. RUPP, of Marion Heights, Northumberland county, is foreman at the Greenough colliery, where he has been engaged since 1900, and is very well known at the mines, where he has been employed for about fifty years, since early boyhood. His home was in Shamokin until his recent removal to Marion Heights.

Mr. Rupp was born Jan. 1, 1849, in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and is a representative of the fifth generation of his family in America, being descended from George Rupp, who came to America from Alsace Lorraine, Germany, in 1750. There is quite a romance in connection with his emigration from his native land and settlement in America. In his native land he had met Countess Ursula von Petersholtz, daughter of John Heinrich von Petersholtz, and her family, being of the nobility, objected to their union, in spite of the fact that young Rupp was a most superior young man. The young couple thereupon married and eloped to America, where they founded a family which has become honored in every

locality in which it has been represented. The following account is mostly from family and church records.

(I) George Rupp was born Aug. 11, 1721, at Wimmern. Lower Alsace, son of Ulrich and Margarette (Holtz) Rupp. On Jan. 27, 1750, he married Ursula von Petersholtz, and came to America, at once locating in Lehigh county, Pa., settling first at Trexlertown, where he took up a large section of land on a grant received from the Penns. Some of the descendants of this couple still live on a portion of the original grant. George Rupp died in Northampton (now Lehigh) county Sept. 13, 1807, aged eighty-six years. Rev. Heinrich Helfrich, the minister who preached at Trexlertown from 1784, baptized and married George Rupp's children, who were nine in number, four sons and five daughters. We have the following record of this family: (1) Maria Clara was born Dec. 4, 1750. (2) Margarette was born Aug. 25, 1752. (3) Anna Margarette was born Sept. 10, 1754. (4) Adam Harmanus, born Nov. 7, 1756, married Barbara Berer, who was of Swiss descent, and they had one son named Jacob, who married Mary Vogel. Jacob Rupp died in 1860. (5) Johann George was born Feb. 28, 1758. (6) Andreas, born March 26, 1760, had a family. (7) Johannes, born July 2, 1762, is mentioned below. (8) Maria was born Jan. 2, 1764. (9) Anna was born in 1766.

(II) Johannes Rupp, son of George, was born July 2, 1762, at Trexlertown, Lehigh county, and died in Philadelphia. He was a blacksmith by trade. His children were: William, Jacob, George and Mary (married Jacob Stein).

(III) George Rupp, son of Johannes, was born May 30, 1790, at Trexlertown, Lehigh county, and died Feb. 8, 1870. He learned weaving and followed that trade for some time. But he was still a young man when he moved to Columbia county, Pa., and settled in what is now Catawissa township, taking up farming, in which work he prospered. He acquired three large farms. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. George Rupp married Elizabeth Moyer, and they had four children, namely: (1) Mary (Polly) married Michael Stein, and their children were: Jacob, George, David, Michael, Jonas, Amanda and Elizabeth. (2) Reuben, who died in Mount Carmel, had a large family, viz.: George, Sally Porger, Jonas (who had children Cora Rorich, Sarah Peipher, Kate Mench, Herman, William, Franklin, Albert, Luzetta Cooper and Elizabeth Fahringer), Mary Hirshfield, Harriet Lentz, Harmon, Andrew (who had a son Warren) and Elizabeth Duddinger (who had children William, Lorenzo, Sarah English, Harriett Martin, Clara Klein, Daniel, Flora Conrad, Edward and Irvin). (3) John is mentioned below. (4) Jonathan, who died in Mount Carmel, Pa., had children: Frank, Elizabeth Henry, Alfred, Carrie Jane Owens, Charles, Clark and El-



sie Eisenhart, wife of J. H. Eisenhart, of Shamokin.

(IV) John Rupp, son of George, was born Oct. 17, 1819, in Catawissa township, Columbia county, and followed farming in that county, becoming well-to-do and acquiring land there. Retiring, he removed to Shamokin, but his death occurred while he was in Illinois, on a visit to his daughter, July 12, 1890. He married Mary Bachman, of St. Clair, Pa., daughter of Daniel Bachman, and to them were born the following children. (1) Elizabeth married Lemuel Fisher and John Meisberger, and her children are: John H.; George; Margaret, Barbara Ella Zuerns, who has had two children, John and Ella, and Mary Etta Henning, who had Lizzie, Kate and Raymond. (2) Anna married David Eveland and lives at Hagers-town, Md. (3) Daniel, who died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had children: Ella Thomas, Mrs. Donlan and Elizabeth. (4) John is a resident of Shamokin. (5) George W. is mentioned below. (6) David lives in Johnson City, near Shamokin. (7) Kathryn married Richard Henley, of Indiana. (8) Ellen married William Cate. (9) Rebecca married William O'Brien.

(V) George W. Rupp received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, but he was a mere boy when he began picking slate at the Cold Run Colliery. He had only worked at that for three weeks, however, when he was made door-tender, and later he drove team. He next commenced mining, at the Brady colliery, and later was at the Enterprise, run by Baumgardner & Douty, where he was employed for some time. In 1900 he came to the Greenough colliery, as assistant inside foreman, and there he has since remained. He is an industrious, reliable and intelligent worker, and has a respected name among his fellow employees and among his employers.

On Oct. 17, 1871, Mr. Rupp married Della Lyons, daughter of Thomas Lyons. The latter emigrated from Ireland, and on his arrival in this country first located at Pittsburg, Pa., thence coming to Shamokin, where he was one of the early settlers, among his neighbors being the Weaver, Zuern, Dailey, Fagely and Snyder families. To Mr. and Mrs. Rupp have been born children as follows: John E.; Thomas J., who lives in Shamokin; Catherine M., married to Daniel Hyland, of Philadelphia; George F.; William J., of Philadelphia; Raymond V.; and Mary V. and B. Irene, both of whom are deceased. In February, 1909, the family moved from Shamokin to Marion Heights (Keiser post office). Mr. Rupp and his family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Externally he is a member of the F. O. E., Aerie No. 533. He is an independent voter.

ABRAHAM REDCAY, foreman of the foundry department of the American Car & Foundry

Company at Milton, and one of the faithful employees of that company, was born in Lewis township Jan. 23, 1847, son of Daniel and Abby (Kint) Redcay.

The name Redcay (Redche, Retge) has been common in Lancaster and Berks counties in Pennsylvania for one hundred and fifty years. (I) Elias Rattge (or Redche), the first of the name here, came to Pennsylvania Sept. 26, 1737, from Germany, and was accompanied by Nicholas Rattge, a relative. Both names were written by a clerk and that of Elias was spelled Ratgen. Tradition says he was related to John Jacob Radge, who arrived in Philadelphia Dec. 3, 1740, on the ship "Robert and Alice," Capt. Goodman, commander. Elias Rattge settled at once in Robeson township, Lancaster county, and Nicholas in Albany township, Berks (then Philadelphia) county, and on Nov. 28, 1750, the latter received a warrant for fifty acres in Philadelphia county. He was a farmer, but little is known of him. He died in 1760, leaving a widow, Maria Ann Ursula, and children Elias (died in Greenwich township, Berks county, in 1773) and Anna Margarete.

In 1750 Elias Rattge (or Redche) secured a warrant from the proprietaries of Pennsylvania for sixty-five acres of land in Robeson township, Lancaster county; in 1752 this township was transferred to Berks county. On Oct. 28, 1765, he purchased 140 acres adjoining the sixty-five, and there he farmed until 1773. On June 12, 1773, he sold his property at Gibraltar to his only son, Elias, Jr., and moved to Cumru (now Brecknock) township, in what was called "the Forest." There he purchased 134 acres, through which ran the Allegheny creek, and on the banks of that stream he erected a sawmill, which he conducted successfully until the time of his death. He also followed farming on this land. He died in 1786, aged about seventy years, and is buried at St. John's cemetery, Gibraltar—a part of his old farm. Elias Redche was twice married. By his first wife Elizabeth he had the following children: (1) Elias, born in 1745, married April 6, 1773, Elizabeth Hunter, of Oley (born in 1752, died Jan. 11, 1816), and died Jan. 3, 1829. (2) Barbara married John Kendall. (3) Mary, born Aug. 5, 1747, married May 28, 1770, Gottlieb Christian, and died in 1832. (4) Catharine, born April 22, 1756, married Sept. 5, 1773, Christian Krauss, and died Feb. 14, 1809. (5) Elizabeth married Frederick Rapp Sept. 20, 1770, and died before 1786. Elias Redche married (second) March 21, 1773, Rosina Zigler, widow of Adam Zigler. They had no children, and at his death in 1788 she married Christian Eschelman, a neighbor.

(II) Elias Redcay, Jr., only son of Elias, lived in Robeson township, where he carried on farming and conducted a sawmill. He carried on operations on the two tracts which he had purchased





from his father in 1773, up to 1804, when he decided to sell out. He was an extensive dealer in land and a large property owner, owning several good farms and a few timber tracts on which he operated sawmills. On April 29, 1791, he and his wife deeded to Valentine Geiger and Herman Umstead in trust for the inhabitants of this section a tract of land containing one acre, ten perches, it being part of the land he had purchased from his father. This land contained the private burying ground of the Redcays, who in later years allowed people of their section to bury their dead there. It was the intention to have a church built there, but this was not done until 1809, and it is known as St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church. It is said that a log church was on the property before the present church was built. All Christian congregations which contributed to its support were allowed to worship in the building, and they were also to maintain and keep the graveyard. Late in life Elias Redcay lost most of his competency, through disastrous financial investments. He was a member of the General Assembly from Exeter in 1805-1806, and during the Revolutionary war he served as a lieutenant of militia from Pennsylvania in Capt. Adam Beard's Company, 3d Battalion, Lieut. Col. Jonathan Jones. He was a great reader and delighted to tell stories of the war. He died Jan. 3, 1829, and is buried in the old Redcay burying ground. On April 6, 1773, Elias Redcay married Elizabeth Hunter, born 1752, died Jan. 11, 1816, and their children were: (1) Henry, born Aug. 13, 1775, married Mary Catharine Nevkirk, of Exeter, born Jan. 25, 1779. He died May 22, 1848, and she Sept. 3, 1842, and both are buried in the Muddy Creek cemetery in Lancaster county. (2) John. (3) Elias, born Dec. 28, 1782, married (first) Jan. 29, 1809, Sarah Harner, of Exeter. She died and was buried in Muddy Creek cemetery, and he married (second) July 16, 1826, Elizabeth Strauss, of Bern, born Feb. 12, 1790. He passed away Jan. 28, 1867, and she died Aug. 19, 1875, and both are buried at Adamstown, Lancaster county. (4) Elizabeth married Samuel Ludwig, of Cumru, and they moved to Missouri in 1832. (5) Maria married June 9, 1805, Jacob Ludwig.

(III) John Redcay, son of Elias, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, about 1779. On April 10, 1810, he, with his father, purchased a farm of John Barr, of Exeter township, which they farmed until 1823, when they sold out. He then moved to a farm near Schwartzwald in Exeter, which had a clover mill on it. There he remained until his death in 1836, and he is buried in St. John's graveyard at Gibraltar. About 1807 he married Esther Rhoads, of Amity township, Berks county, and they had children as follows: (1) Mary, born Oct. 14, 1807, married Thomas Lewis. (2) Betzy, born April 10, 1809, married Pete

Romig, and died Oct. 16, 1851. (3) John, born April 25, 1810, married Phoebe Schrack, born Oct. 31, 1817, died Feb. 13, 1854. He died in July, 1848. (4) Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1812, married Abby Kint, and died June 1, 1890. (5) Jacob, born June 13, 1816, died unmarried Dec. 18, 1898. (6) Catharine married John Lewis.

(IV) Daniel Redcay, son of John, was born Feb. 1, 1812, and died June 1, 1890, and is buried at McEwensville, Pa. He came to Northumberland county in his young manhood, and settled at McEwensville, where in 1859 he built the home in which he resided until his death. He was a contractor and builder, and many of the houses and barns in that district were built by him. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Abby Kint, who was born at Brier Creek, Berks county, April 18, 1818, and died April 13, 1904, and is buried at McEwensville. Their children were: William and Christian, who both died young; Angeline, born Dec. 24, 1842, on the old homestead; Henry, born Feb. 4, 1845, living in Watsonstown; Abraham; and Edward, born in 1861, living at Scranton.

(V) Abraham Redcay, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 23, 1847, and in his youth learned the trade of molder at McEwensville. In 1872 he came to Milton, and became connected with the American Car & Foundry Company, and in 1889 was made foreman of the foundry department, a position he still holds. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company B, 210th Pennsylvania Volunteers, spending nine months in the service of his country. He is a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church. They reside at No. 231 Park avenue, Milton, in a home Mr. Redcay built and moved into at the time of his marriage. He votes the Prohibitionist ticket, and takes a firm stand for his party's principles.

Mr. Redcay married Susanna Gold, daughter of David and Maria (Rissmiller) Gold, and they have had children: Edgar P., who died aged thirteen years, four months, twenty-one days; Elizabeth, who married Bert Hill, and lives in Turbut township; Frahklm G., a jeweler employed by G. Dal. Fox, at Milton; and Clarence H., a molder, residing at Milton.

CHARLES LEVAN KREMER, of Sunbury, whose business and official activity has gained him a wide acquaintance, has been a prominent contractor and builder, and is now engaged in the real estate business. He is a son of Jacob Kremer, who as sheriff and treasurer of Northumberland county won popularity and friends.

Jacob Kremer, son of Benjamin, was born April 30, 1827, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and was but a child when brought by his parents to Northumberland county. He obtained a liberal





education attending school at the various places in which the family resided during his early life. After reaching his majority he engaged in the stock business at Allenwood, and during the Civil war supplied horses for all branches of the army service. In 1879 he became owner of the "Mansion House," at Watsonstown, where he passed the remainder of his life. Though a resident of Northumberland county for less than twenty years, Mr. Kremer attained unusual prominence. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Northumberland county, and in 1887, before the expiration of his term, he received the Republican nomination for county treasurer, and was elected. He died March 6, 1892, and was buried at Watsonstown.

On Jan. 6, 1853, Mr. Kremer married Julia Ann Allen, eldest daughter of Isaac and Jane (Piatt) Allen, of Allenwood, Union county, which place was named in his honor. Mrs. Kremer was born Dec. 25, 1829, and died Dec. 29, 1902. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom, George W., Newton, Boyd and John, died in infancy, and the surviving are: Sarah Alice, wife of Charles G. Purcell; Allen L., who married Ada Taylor; Charles Levan, mentioned below; Daniel A., who married Emma Forseman; and Jennie L., married to G. R. Nauss.

Charles Levan Kremer was born Jan. 4, 1857, at Allenwood, Union Co., Pa., and attended the district schools and at Williamsport. He came to Sunbury in 1884-85, at which time he became deputy sheriff under his father. He served during his father's term, 1885-88, and again became deputy when his father took the office of treasurer, serving as such from 1888 to 1891, and then as deputy under Robert Montgomery, Democratic sheriff. In the fall of 1893 he was elected prothonotary of Northumberland county by a majority of 1,400, and at the close of this term he was re-elected, by a majority of 1,399, serving six years in succession. During his service as prothonotary Mr. Kremer was also extensively engaged as a contractor and builder, in which line he was notably successful.

Fraternally Mr. Kremer is a Mason, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.

On Feb. 25, 1897, he married Mrs. Kate (Finney) Van Horn, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Hamlin, of Washington. Her parents were Hamilton and Catharine Finney, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Hamilton Finney, her father, was a native of Northumberland county and spent his early life here. About the year 1840 he moved to Harrisonville, Mo., and after the Civil war he went to Kansas City, where he took a prominent part in the political life of the city. There his daughter

Kate was born and lived all her early life. She married Robert Van Horn, who died in 1885. In 1895, after the death of Mrs. Finney, Mr. Finney and his daughter came back to Sunbury to live and here she met Mr. Kremer, whom she married in Washington, D. C., in 1897. For twelve years they lived in Sunbury and then bought "Honeywood Farm," on the hill opposite the town, where she lived until her death one year later. Mrs. Kremer occupied a unique place in the life of Sunbury. She was a woman of rare refinement and culture, having had the advantages of extensive travel and study. She was an artist of unusual ability, studying in Paris and New York, where she did some notable work in oils. She was a linguist, and up to the time of her death spent much time in the study of German and French. Mrs. Kremer had a charming personality and possessed to an unusual degree the faculty of making and keeping friends. She was most lavish in her hospitality and possessed gifts which made her home the center of the best sort of social intercourse. She died May 21, 1910, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury.

FREDERIC ANTES GODCHARLES, president and general manager of the F. A. Godcharles Company, of Milton, manufacturers of iron and steel nails, hinges, washers and puddled iron, is at the head of an industry which has done much for the borough's prosperity for over a third of a century. This company is the successor of the C. A. Godcharles Company, which was established in 1875 by the late Charles A. Godcharles, father of Frederic A. Godcharles. Employment is given at present to about four hundred, a fact which conveys some idea of the importance of the Godcharles plant in its relation to the local industrial situation. Mr. Godcharles is one of the young business men foremost in his section of Pennsylvania, and he has not only extensive business interests but also numerous social connections. Moreover, he has been conscientious in the discharge of his civic responsibilities, having served faithfully in public office, for which his ability and experience make him peculiarly competent.

Mr. Godcharles was born June 3, 1872, oldest son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Burkenbine) Godcharles. His father was one of the constituent members of the firm of C. A. Godcharles & Co., organized in 1875. His mother was the daughter of the late Samuel A. Burkenbine, one of the most prominent newspaper men of his day; she was also the granddaughter of Alexander Hughes, another member of the newspaper profession and at one time State printer, and the great-granddaughter of Col. Philip Frederic Antes, a colonel in the Revolution, a most prominent early citizen, one of the first president judges and for many years



treasurer of Northumberland county. The subject of this sketch was named for this illustrious ancestor.

CHARLES AIKEN GODCHARLES, son of Henry and Esther (Price) Godcharles, was born at Farrandsville, Clinton Co., Pa., Dec. 8, 1843. He attended the public schools for a few years, and learned the trade of nailmaker, under his father, who was a pioneer nailmaker in this country, traveling all the way from his native place in Canada by foot. At a very tender age Mr. Godcharles enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company G, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and reenlisted in Company A, 201st Pennsylvania Volunteers. After the close of the war he followed his trade at Duncannon, Pa., and later removed to Northumberland, where he accepted a similar position with Van Alen & Co. In 1874 he headed a company which built a nail mill at Milton, later one at Towanda, and then a third at Northumberland. He retired from active business a few years before his death, which occurred January 17, 1903. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to all the bodies, and was a prominent member of the Republican party.

On June 25, 1905, the F. A. Godcharles Company, successors to the C. A. Godcharles Company, was incorporated, Frederic A. Godcharles becoming president and general manager; Walter A. Godcharles, vice president; and William B. Godcharles, secretary and treasurer, these officers being brothers.

Frederic A. Godcharles received his preparatory education in Milton, graduating from the high school in May, 1888, after which he took a course in electrical engineering at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., graduating in 1893. Since that time he has been associated in business as above stated. His principal interest is in the F. A. Godcharles Company, of which he is the title member, but he has also formed other important connections, local and otherwise. He is a director of the Garrett County Coal and Mining Company. He is also interested in other corporations, either because of the advantages they offer, the locality or because they appear attractive propositions for the investment of capital. In short, he is a typical modern progressive business man. In 1910 he bought *The Miltonian*, the only weekly newspaper of Milton, the first newspaper of the place and the oldest in the county, it having been established by Henry Frick in 1816 and published without interruption since. This paper has grown wonderfully in the past year and ranks with the largest and best in this section of the State.

Mr. Godcharles served throughout the Spanish-American war with the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he has been a captain and inspector of rifle practice in the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. He was

a member of the lower house of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, session of 1901, and in Nov., 1904, was elected to the State Senate; he served on the Inaugural committee, Appropriations, Public Roads and Highways, Military, and as chairman of the committee on Game and Fish. He is a past officer in the Sons of Veterans and Knights of Malta, and a charter member of the Milton Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a past officer in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery and a member of the Council, Scottish Rite (in which he is a thirty-second degree Mason) and Mystic Shrine. He is at present serving his fifth year as district deputy grand master for the Forty-sixth Masonic district.

Mr. Godcharles has just published a history of Freemasonry in Northumberland and Snyder counties, which is the largest work of its kind ever attempted in the fraternity. He is a member of the Harrisburg Club of Harrisburg, the Union League Club of Philadelphia, the Ross Club of Williamsport, the Milton Rod and Gun Club, the Otzinackon Rod and Gun Club of Clinton County, the Automobile Club of Central Pennsylvania (of which he is president), the Motor Federation of Pennsylvania (of which he is chairman of the touring committee), a director of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. When in college he became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi and the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities. His favorite recreations, as may be gathered from the foregoing, are automobiling, hunting and shooting. He is a Presbyterian in religion and a Republican in politics.

On June 15, 1904, Mr. Godcharles was married, in Washington, D. C., to Mary Walls Barber, of St. Mary's county, Maryland.

ISAAC M. GROSS, of Sunbury, who followed the milling and lumber businesses for a number of years, has been a resident of the borough since 1874 and has been a useful citizen and a respected member of the community during all those years.

Mr. Gross was born in Snyder county, Pa., Aug. 5, 1845, and he is a great-grandson of Michael Gross, an early settler in Berks county, Pa., who lived and died there. Israel Gross, son of Michael, moved thence to Snyder county when a young man, being among the early settlers in his locality. He was a farmer on Blue Hill, just across the river from Fort Augusta, where his grandson, Isaac M. Gross, now lives.

John Gross, son of Israel, was born in 1833 in Snyder county, opposite Fort Augusta, and died in 1876, being killed in a sawmill. He is buried at Shamokin Dam. He married Mary Gougler, daughter of George Gougler, of Snyder county, and granddaughter of the late Capt. Jacob Hummel, a widely known man in his day, who served as a





captain in the Revolutionary war; he was the second person buried in the cemetery at Selinsgrove. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gross: Milton G.; Olivia J., who married Dr. Bordner (both are deceased); and Isaac M.

Isaac M. Gross received his education in the public schools of Snyder county. In his early manhood he was in the milling business, and before his removal to Sunbury was in the lumber business from 1866 to 1873, at Shamokin Dam. In 1874 he settled in Sunbury, where he continued to carry on the lumber business, retiring from active pursuits in 1893. Since 1895 he has lived at his present home, Fort Augusta, a beautiful place along the river front in Sunbury. He has taken a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the borough, and served two terms in the council, to which he was first elected in the year 1899.

On Jan. 21, 1874, Mr. Gross married Amelia Lucust Hancock, and to them have been born two daughters, Olivia J. and Ella B., the former of whom is deceased. Ella B. Gross married William M. Rossiter, of Sunbury, and they have six children, Jane A., Gertrude B., Monroe C., Mary R., William M. and Marcella G.

Mrs. Gross is a woman of intelligence and of enterprising disposition. Born at St. Blazey, Cornwall, England, in 1849, she learned the millinery business in her native land and came to America with her parents in 1869. The family landed at Castle Garden, and stopped only two hours in New York, continuing their journey at once to Reading, Pa. Hotel accommodations were not so plentiful in those days as at present, and they were obliged to spend the night of their arrival in the railroad station. They settled at Locust Dale, in Schuylkill county, and Mrs. Gross was for three years engaged at her trade in Ashland, that county, and at Mount Carmel, in Northumberland county, before she commenced business in Sunbury, in 1872. She became one of the successful business women of the borough and received her full share of the local patronage. On May 5, 1895, at sheriff's sale, she bought the old Colonel Hunter property at Fort Augusta, well known all over Pennsylvania and in fact to historians everywhere. It has been improved and beautified through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Gross until it is one of the notably handsome places along the river front.

William Hancock, father of Mrs. Gross, was an expert mining engineer and inspector of mines, and was well known in and around Locust Dale, where he made his home. He died Jan. 21, 1876, and is buried at Sunbury. He married Jane Lucust, daughter of John Locust, and they had a family of eight children: Richard, who came to America in 1852 and fought through the Civil war; Mary J., who died young; Mary, who married Thomas

Stephen and died in England; William, who served three months in the English army before he came to America, in 1853, and served here through the Civil war; John, who died young; Jane; Caroline; and Amelia.

In 1911 Mrs. Gross made a tour of England, setting sail June 27th and returning in September. She visited her old home and many notable places; attended Ambassador Reid's reception on July 4th; and had the honor of touching the original plan—now in the British Museum—of Fort Augusta, which was built in America by the British during the reign of King George III. Among other famous places she visited Westminster Abbey and the Cathedral of Canterbury. She was very proud to visit the Cathedral, as she had been confirmed in 1862 at Tywardreath Church by Archbishop Longlev, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1795 to 1869.

EARL M. ROUSH, of Sunbury, a young member of the Northumberland county bar who is gaining a creditable practice and standing in his section, is a member of an old Snyder county family. His great-grandfather, Simon Roush, moved to that county from Lebanon county and settled near Freeburg. His children were as follows: Charles, Edward, Joshua, Christiana, Amelia, Louisa, Esther and Alexander.

Alexander Roush, grandfather of Earl M. Roush, was born in 1822, and died in 1890. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived near Freeburg, Snyder county. He married Charlotte Mengis, born in 1835, died in 1900, and they had a family of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Wallace is deceased. (2) Jacob M. is mentioned below. (3) Noah married Ella Gundrum, and they had children, Mabel, Nelson and Lucy. (4) Elijah married Ellen Wertz, and they had one son, Simon. (5) Luther. (6) T. Jefferson married Sallie Wert. (7) Mary married John McCreary and had children, Clarence, Isabella and Walter. (8) Esther married William V. Baker.

Jacob M. Roush, son of Alexander, was born in 1848, in Snyder county, where he passed the greater part of his life, in 1891 removing to Sunbury, Northumberland county, where he built a home on Susquehanna avenue and passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred Oct. 31, 1903. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until his death. He was married at Freeburg to Sarah J. Schnee, daughter of Mathias Schnee (whose wife's maiden name was Rine). She survives him with the three children of their union, Earl M., Charlotta and William. The last named is still a student. Charlotta Roush graduated from the Sunbury high school in June, 1902, and subsequently taught school two years before her marriage, in 1904, to John





A. Flick, of the firm of Flick & Leib, Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Flick have had two children, Virginia and Bettie.

Earl M. Roush was born in 1881 in Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and there received the beginnings of his education. He graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1900. Being ambitious to gain a college education, but being dependent entirely upon his own resources, he secured the position of assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Sunbury, which he held for one year, meanwhile pursuing his studies under private tutors. He then entered the sophomore class at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in June, 1905, and in September following he entered the Carlisle law school, where he completed the course, graduating in 1907. In August, 1907, Mr. Roush was elected to fill the chair of mathematics at the Sunbury high school, and was reelected in 1908. On Nov. 18, 1907, he was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, and in 1908 opened an office in the Bassler building, in Sunbury, and began the regular practice of his profession. His early efforts, and the obstacles he has successfully overcome in acquiring a thorough education and adequate professional training, are excellent indications of what his future may be.

Mr. Roush's social connections are with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and he is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M. He is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church.

**EMERICK.** The Emerick or Emrick family (early spelling Emrich) has been represented in Pennsylvania since the first half of the eighteenth century. There is record of a number who emigrated to this country during that period, the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, showing the following, with name of ship and date of arrival: Johan "Nickel" Emrich (aged thirty-six), "Glasgow," Sept. 9, 1738; Jacob Emrich (aged nineteen), "Patience and Margaret," Sept. 25, 1748; Johan Fried. Emrich, "Chesterfield," Sept. 1, 1749; Anthoni Emrich, "Royal Union," Aug. 15, 1750; Johan Georg Emmerich, "Richard and Mary," Sept. 20, 1752; Herman Emrich (aged twenty-seven) and Carl Emrich (aged twenty-seven), "Louisa," Oct. 3, 1753; Johan Peter Emrich, "Bannister," Oct. 31, 1754; Andreas Emrich, snow "Tryvall," Dec. 4, 1764; Johannes Emrich, "Chance," Sept. 23, 1766; Joseph Emrich, "Betsy," Oct. 26, 1768; Johan Theobald Emrich, "Minerva," Oct. 13, 1769; Andreas Emmerich, "Charming Molly," Oct. 22, 1773. One John Bolters Emerick died on shipboard April 22, 1806.

That the family has long been quite numerous in eastern Pennsylvania is shown by the Federal Census Report of 1790, in which, under Emrich,

we find indexed Adam, Andrew, Balser, Herman, Jacob, Jacob, Jr., John, John (Philadelphia county), John, Jr., John, Jr., John George, Leonard, Ludwig (Philadelphia county), Michael, Nicolas (Cumberland county), Philip and William; of the Emricks, there were George, Henry (of Dauphin county), and Jacob, John, John and Valentine (all four of Montgomery county). Of these, Adam Emrich, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, had two sons under sixteen and two daughters; Andrew Emrich, of that township, had one son above and two sons under sixteen and four daughters; John George Emrich, of the same township, had four daughters; Balser Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, had three sons under sixteen and two daughters; John Emrich, Jr., of Bethel township, had one son under sixteen and one daughter; another John Emrich, Jr., of the same township, had two sons above sixteen; Jacob Emrich, also of Bethel township, had wife but no children; Jacob Emrich, Jr., same township, had one son above and one son under sixteen and two daughters; William Emrich, of Bern township, Berks county, had one son above and one son under sixteen, and two daughters; Leonard Emrich, of Brunswick (Brecknock?) and Manheim townships, Lancaster county, had one son above and one son under sixteen; Michael Emrich had four sons above sixteen and two daughters; Philip Emrich, of the borough of Reading, Berks county, had two sons above and one son under sixteen, and three daughters; Herman Emrich, of Rockland township, Berks county, had one son above and two sons under sixteen, and three daughters. One Andrew Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, died before 1789, leaving a wife Margaret and children Valentine, Julianna (married Henry Moyer), John and Henry. During the Revolutionary war one Jacob Emmerick was a private in Capt. James Todd's company from Dauphin county.

Of the Emerick wills on record the earliest is that of Nicholas Emerich, regarding which we find the following in the register general's office at Reading, Berks county: Letters of administration under the said office with a true copy of a translation from the German original of the last will and testament of Nicholas Emerich, late of the township of Rockland in the County of Berks, aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, were granted to Valentine Emerich of the Township of Whitehall, in the County of Northampton, in the Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, eldest son of the said testator, no executor or executors being therein named, he having first given bond according to Law (Anna Barbara, the widow, relict of the said testator, appearing not to be of sound understanding sufficient to take upon her the burden of the administration of the estate of the said testator); inventory to be exhibited at or before the twenty-



sixth day of July next and an account of his administration at or before the twenty-sixth day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy; which will of the said Nicholas Emerick, deceased, was duly proved by the solemn oath of George Oberdorff and Jaque Baral, the Subscribing Witnesses to the said will, but being in the German Language could not be recorded. The will was proved the 16th of June, 1769; letters of administration, the 26th of same month. Examined by James Read, deputy register.

Descendants of Valentine Emerick live in Center county, near Center Hall. One is a doctor, and his sister is married to an attorney who has a number of Emerick family papers.

Other wills recorded are those of Jacob Emerick (1803); Adam Emerick (1809); Balzer Emerick (1810); Adam Emerick (1813); John Emerick (1816); Leonard Emerick (1834); Christian Emerick (1840); Hannah Emerick (1842); Barbara Emerick (1849); George Emerick (1865). Guardians were appointed for John and George Emerick in 1809; for Mary and Catharine Emerick in 1810; for a child of John Emerick (deceased) and for Peter and Joseph Emerick, 1815.

There was a John Nicholas Emerick, born in 1749, who came to this country in 1774, and engaged in the fur trade as a partner of John Jacob Astor, founder of the celebrated New-York family. Astor, also a German, born in 1763 near Heidelberg, was engaged in the manufacture of musical instruments with his brother in London, and came to America in 1783, to Baltimore, with the idea of disposing of some of his instruments. He was the first regular dealer in that line in this country. Having exchanged musical instruments for furs, in New York, he accidentally entered into the business upon which his great fortune was founded. Returning to London with his stock, he disposed of it to such advantage that he speedily made another trip. In time he came to invest largely in real estate in New York, where he made his home until his death, in 1848. (See "Frolic and Fun," by Isabel Allardye, 1907). John Nicholas Emerick, who was his partner in the fur business for thirty years, was stationed at Berlin and was probably the best known agent in Europe in that line of trade. He never married, leaving all his property to the children of two brothers in the United States. According to tradition Astor and Emerick entered into an agreement to the effect that no settlement of their partnership affairs was to be made for a certain number of years after the death of either. So far as the descendants of John Michael Emerick—supposed to have been a brother of John Nicholas Emerick—are concerned, no settlement has ever been reached. Michael Emerick, late of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, fa-

ther of the present Dr. M. L. Emerick, of that section, and grandson of John Michael, frequently referred to the family's claim to this estate and his hopes that his children would gain their legacy. The estate was reputed to be so vast as to stimulate the activities of possible beneficiaries. Franklin Square, Philadelphia, is part of the property involved. Some of the money is in banks at Bremen, Germany. On July 28, 1886, there was a press inquiry and notice to the heirs of the estate of Nicholas Emerick, and newspaper articles relating to the matter which have appeared at various times are preserved by members of the family as possible clues. Several Emericks in different parts of the country are reputed to have received money as heirs, and efforts are being made to have the matter closed up.

John Michael Emerick, the ancestor of the Emericks and Emricks of Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, was born Sept. 6, 1757, and had brothers and sisters as follows: Elizabeth, born April 18, 1752 (Mrs. Groover); Anna Catharine, born Sept. 9, 1754; Mary Barbara and John, twins, born July 12, 1760; Rose Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1763; Henry Landis, born July 30, 1767; Samuel, born Oct. 1, 1769.

John Michael Emerick, who died Nov. 14, 1835 (this does not agree with family record which says "he died aged thirty-eight years"), is buried on the farm now owned by John Michael Emerick, but which at that time was the property of Balthaser Bordner. A translation of an article of agreement made Nov. 29, 1784, between Martin Kerstetter, of Mahanoy township, Northumberland County, Pa., and Michael Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., shows that Martin Kerstetter sells to Michael Emrich a tract of land located in Mahanoy township containing 150 acres for 160 pounds: 25 pounds on above date: 25 pounds on May 1, 1785; 10 pounds on Oct. 1, 1786; and 10 pounds yearly thereafter until paid. In article of agreement entered into between George and Michael Emrich, both of Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and John Weidenhammer, from Richmond township, Berks county, parties of first part bound themselves to pay John Weidenhammer the sum of 166 pounds, 17 shillings, fourpence, lawful money, to be paid April 18, 1821. The same parties of first part agree to pay a like sum in 1822. A like sum they appear to have paid in 1820.

John Michael Emerick married Anna Catharine Pontius, born April 14, 1757, died March 11, 1838, and to them were born the following children: John, who never married, located in Ohio; (John) George is mentioned fully below; Sarah Marie, born April 28, 1789, died about 1871-72, married Jacob Spotts (born June 18, 1788, died June 14, 1852, one of the six children, two sons and four





daughters, of Johannes and Maria Spatz, the former born March 24, 1762, died Nov. 24, 1856; the latter born July 5, 1765, died Aug. 5, 1834; Catharine, born March 11, 1791, married Michael Lenker, and died Sept. 18, 1860; Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1785, married a Latsha, and died June 26, 1861; Michael, born in 1794, located on a farm adjoining the homestead, and died in 1873; Anna Mary, born in 1792, was married to Martin Kerstetter (the ceremony being performed by Adam Lenker, J. P., and witnessed by George Emrich, George Wolf and Michael Lenker), and died aged sixty-two years, eight months, eight days.

(John) George Emerick, son of John Michael, born March 9, 1788, died in 1871, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he and his family were Lutheran members. His will, made April 25, 1870, was proved June 7, 1872. He came to Northumberland county in 1813, making the journey with one wagon, and became a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, cultivating a large tract of land. His wife, Eva Magdalena (Zartman), daughter of Martin Zartman, born Oct. 8, 1795, died in 1876, and she, too, is buried at the Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of thirteen children, born as follows: George, April 23, 1813; Jacob, Dec. 21, 1814; Rebecca, Sept. 12, 1816 (married Charles Brosius); Benjamin, Feb. 1, 1818 (had children); Sarah, Nov. 7, 1819 (married Jonas Snyder); John, Dec. 2, 1821 (died Feb. 18, 1896); Elizabeth, Sept. 9, 1823 (died in infancy); Elias, Sept. 16, 1824 (died March 2, 1898); Catherine, 1826 (married John Stein); Mary, Sept. 2, 1828 (married Isaac Martz); Susannah, Jan. 14, 1831 (died young); Michael, Nov. 27, 1832; Joseph, Nov. 27, 1834.

Michael Emerick, son of (John) George, was born Nov. 27, 1832, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township now owned by Frank Phillips. He owned and operated the farm which is now the property of his son-in-law, Jonathan Byerly, and in 1863 erected the large brick house now standing on that place, all the brick for which was made on the premises. A man of enterprise and intelligence, he was a useful and progressive citizen in every respect, encouraged public education and took an active part in matters of interest to the community generally. He enjoyed such confidence among his neighbors and friends that he was called upon to settle a number of estates. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family being Lutheran members of the Stone Valley Church, which he served as deacon and trustee. He died Dec. 21, 1899, and is buried at that church.

On Jan. 25, 1855, Mr. Emerick married Hannah Tressler, who was born Jan. 20, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Billman) Tressler,

and who, though nearly eighty, is a well preserved woman, her vitality being remarkable. The following children were born to this union: (1) Sarah Minerva, born Jan. 29, 1856, married J. F. Blasser, and they have had a large family, born as follows: Charles Albert, July 10, 1882; John Ezra, born July 10, 1882 (married Nov. 10, 1903, to Crissie P. Dreibelbis); Mabel Saloma, Dec. 3, 1883; Mary Magdalene, May 23, 1885 (married July 27, 1909, Roscoe E. Walborn); Walter Jacob, Nov. 20, 1886; Hannah Henrietta, March 29, 1888; Naomi Susannah, March 14, 1889; Alice Minerva and Julius Abraham, twins, June 16, 1893; Ray Michael, Feb. 4, 1895; and Moses Obadiah, Feb. 27, 1897. (2) Theodore T., born July 22, 1857, married Rosa A. Latsha. They have no children. (3) Mary Magdalene, born Oct. 2, 1858, died in infancy. (4) Louisa Catherine, born Aug. 31, 1859, married Jonathan Byerly, and they have had nine children: Beecher, born Dec. 8, 1881; Naomi Josephine, Jan. 5, 1883; Claude Alveretta, June 27, 1884; Hannah Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 1885; Elias Michael, Oct. 23, 1886; Saloma Ellen, Aug. 10, 1889; Isaac Theodore, Nov. 3, 1892; Maude H., Dec. 6, 1894; Mark Jonathan, Nov. 18, 1900. (5) George Jacob Michael, born in August, 1865, is a farmer in Jordan township, in his native district. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until thirty-two years of age, when he undertook to farm the homestead on his own account, continuing thus two years. In 1899 he purchased his present well located farm of 150 acres, two and a half miles north of Uniontown, one mile south from Urban, on the road leading to Pillow. This was the homestead of George Brosius, and before him his father, Daniel Brosius, owned it. The barn on this place is a landmark, and the house was erected by George Brosius during the nineties. Mr. Emerick has a fertile tract, in a good state of cultivation, and has prospered in his agricultural work. Politically he is a Republican, and served as supervisor of the township from 1907 to 1910. He and his family worship at Zion's Union Church, Stone Valley, of which he was a deacon three years. He was married Dec. 17, 1897, to Adeline Witmer, daughter of Henry S. and Phoebe (Zartman) Witmer. They have had one son, Michael Henry. (6) Hannah Rufina, born July 19, 1869, died in infancy. (7) Martin Luther, mentioned below, was born Nov. 10, 1872. (8) Ellen Miranda, born June 15, 1874, married Isaac R. Phillips, and has one child, Hannah Harriette, born Aug. 24, 1909.

MARTIN LUTHER EMERICK, M. D., of Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, is one of the notably successful physicians of his section of Pennsylvania. He was born on the farm in Jordan township where his boyhood days were passed, and received his early mental training in the local public schools. Later he attended the State nor-





mal school at Bloomsburg, and for one term taught public school in his home township. He then took a special course in chemistry at the Pennsylvania State College, and later a special course at Susquehanna University, finally entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he pursued his medical course and graduated in 1896. His special work was in diseases of the eye, a maternity course and optics, and upon the completion of his college work he did practical work in the German hospital at Philadelphia, under the special direction of Dr. Freese, formerly a lecturer in the Royal Medical College at Berlin, Germany. In June, 1896, he passed the examination of the State Medical Council, and returning home commenced practice. He remained at the homestead for two months, since when he has been a resident of Hickory Corners, his home being out from Dalmatia (Georgetown), on the Northern Central railroad. The most conservative admit his success, from the beginning. His practice was at first a typical general country practice, until his office work became so heavy that he was compelled to give up country calls and devote his attention to those who came to him. Few young physicians have attained even local renown so quickly. Dr. Emerick has had to bring his work into the limits of a specialist on chronic diseases and as such enjoys the most extensive practice in the State. He is reputed to have few equals as a diagnostician, and his fame has spread over several States because of the large number of people whom he has cured. Yet he is a most modest, unassuming gentleman, sympathetic, liberal and great-hearted, and has performed many services gratuitously, deserving his reputation as a benefactor of suffering humanity. His patients come from all over the country, especially from the anthracite and bituminous coal fields, and as many as seventy-two people have come on one train to his office in the rural section of Lower Mahanoy township. Dalmatia and Herndon teams and hacks have gained a thriving business through his popularity. Such demands have been made upon him that in one day of twenty-three and a half hours he saw 210 patients. He buys his drugs and supplies in wholesale quantities (medicine bottles in carload lots), his store room and office presenting the appearance of a wholesale drug store. Dr. Emerick himself manufactures a remedy which has considerable fame, the noted "Ginseng Dandelion Compound" for stomach and liver troubles, which has a gigantic sale.

Dr. Emerick is honored in his home community as a citizen who has few equals, for he is a high type of manhood. The business interests he has acquired have made him as influential a factor in the material prosperity of his fellow citizens as his professional work has given him prestige and personal popularity. He owns several fine

farms in the township where he lives, is interested financially in the shoe manufacturing business at Dalmatia, and also in a paint mill and the cement manufacturing industry. His largest investments, however, are in city real estate in Washington, D. C., and Carlisle, Pa. He is a man of large affairs and has accumulated considerable means.

In February, 1897, Dr. Emerick married Catharine Ellen Lenker, daughter of Paul and Catharine (Garman) Lenker, and granddaughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wert) Garman. They have had three children: John Paul Luther, born Jan. 16, 1900, who died May 18, 1902; Myrtle Hannah C. A., born Jan. 5, 1904; and Emma Irene, born Feb. 1, 1909. Dr. Emerick is a member of the Junior O. U. A. M., and the M. W. A. at Dalmatia.

JOSEPH EMERICK, a retired citizen of Sunbury, was born Nov. 27, 1834, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of (John) George Emerick. Brought up to farming, he passed his early years engaged in that work at home and among the neighboring farmers. For two years he followed lime burning. In 1859 he began farming in Lower Mahanoy township, where he lived for three years, at the end of that time moving to Rockefeller township, where he farmed for the long period of thirty-one years, until his retirement in 1894. He has since lived in Sunbury, making his home at No. 17 Fairmount avenue. He has taken some part in public affairs since settling there, having served three years as assessor of the Eighth ward. Mr. Emrick is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are Lutherans in religion.

In 1858 Mr. Emrick married Sarah Wirt, who was born June 12, 1836, daughter of Michael Wirt, of Lower Mahanoy, and died June 19, 1904. She was the mother of ten children, viz.: (1) Henry Morris was born Aug. 29, 1858. (2) Clara Ann, born Nov. 10, 1859, died Oct. 26, 1863. (3) One daughter died in infancy. (4) Sarah Jane, born May 8, 1863, was married Oct. 31, 1886, to J. Edward Reitz, and they have had the following children: a daughter born Sept. 20, 1887, who died the same day; Harrison Edward, born Oct. 10, 1889; Verna Viola, born March 27, 1891; a son born Aug. 20, 1894, who died the same day; Minnie Catharine, born Feb. 17, 1898, who died May 26, 1906; Lillian Martha, born Nov. 26, 1899; Martin Luther, born Feb. 17, 1904, who died March 13, 1904; and Charles Emrick, born Jan. 31, 1906. (5) Mary Magdaline was born Dec. 31, 1864. (6) Charles Lincoln, born June 26, 1866, married Sarah Isabell Raker, and their children have been born as follows: Harry Clarence, Jan. 20, 1893; Willie Charles, Feb. 3, 1895; Elmer Charles, Oct. 25, 1898; Leroy, Aug. 5, 1902; Herbert Roosevelt, Nov. 12, 1904; Wesley Weber, Jan. 21, 1907 (died Aug. 4, 1907); Viola Catharine, April 11, 1908; Minnie Josephine, Oct. 23, 1909. (7) George Wirt, born Aug. 1,



1868, has two children: Ralph Obadiah, born Nov. 3, 1892, and Edith Christanna, born April 26, 1894. (8) Minnie Alice was born May 23, 1872. (9) Joseph Albert, born Jan. 29, 1875, died Feb. 19, 1875. (10) A child born Aug. 22, 1878, died unnamed.

On Sept. 19, 1907, Mr. Enrick married (second) Mrs. Sophronia Elizabeth (Kerstetter) Martz, widow of Daniel B. Martz, of Sunbury, by whom she had two sons, Robert S. and Arthur A. Mrs. Enrick is a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gass) Kerstetter, of Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, and granddaughter of Philip Kerstetter, whose wife was a Slack, of Cameron township, this county, who died at Trevorton, in Zerbe township.

**SAMUEL DURELL JORDAN** (deceased), organizer and first cashier of the First National Bank of Milton, was in his day one of the foremost citizens of that borough, where the name of Jordan has been one respected and influential for a century and more. His brother, Alexander Jordan, was presiding judge of the Eighth Judicial district for twenty years.

Mr. Jordan was born in 1812 at Jaysburg (now a part of the city of Williamsport), Lycoming Co., Pa., son of Samuel J. and Rosanna (McClester) Jordan, the latter a daughter of Alexander McClester, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. His father, born about 1764, lived at Jaysburg for a number of years. He was a boatman and pilot by occupation, and is mentioned by Tunison Coryell as one of the first to introduce sails in the navigation of the Susquehanna. About the year 1802 he removed with his family to Milton, where he owned canal-boats and continued to follow the business. Mr. Jordan died at Milton July 27, 1851, aged eighty-seven years, ten months, and his wife died Aug. 29, 1840, aged seventy-three years, ten months, fifteen days. They are buried at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were the parents of three children: Alexander, William and Samuel D.

**ALEXANDER JORDAN** was born at Jaysburg May 19, 1798, and was a young child when the family removed to Milton, where he was reared. He had the educational advantages afforded by the local schools, but they were none too good and he went to work early. Moreover, though little more than a boy during the war of 1812-15, he accompanied the militia in the march across the State to Meadville, Crawford county, as deputy commissary, being absent several weeks. After clerking for several years in a store at Milton Mr. Jordan entered upon what was practically his apprenticeship to the legal profession, becoming an employee of Hugh Bellas, prothonotary of Northumberland county, for whom he was deputy clerk. During his work in that capacity he did begin the study of law

under Mr. Bellas, but he did not study regularly for some time, as his inclination was toward mechanical pursuits, and his leisure, moreover, was limited. He continued to serve as deputy prothonotary under Mr. Bellas's successors, George W. Brown and Andrew Albright, meanwhile carrying on his law studies with such success that he was admitted to the bar April 19, 1820, having passed an examination by Messrs. Hepburn, Hall and Bradford. He commenced practice at once, opening an office at Sunbury, and rose rapidly in the profession. His diligence as a student, which made his preparation especially thorough, was never relaxed after he entered upon the practice of the law, and much of his success was of the kind that may be won always by industry and patient care. His ability was unquestioned, but he did not depend upon natural talent alone to gain his patronage and prestige or to win his cases. In addressing the court or the jury he used language concise and to the point, and arguments which showed the most painstaking preparation, and his occasional eloquence was the eloquence of conviction, not of flowery but shallow discourse. Several years after his admission to the bar he received his first public honor, and from that time until the end of his days he was an influence in the judicial circles of his section. In 1826 he was commissioned prothonotary of the Supreme court for the Middle district, a connection which was of great value to him, bringing him, as it did, into contact with the leading jurists of the State. When the judiciary became elective in this State his high professional standing combined with his personal popularity made him a desirable candidate of his party—the Democratic, then dominant in the State, and in October, 1851, he was elected president judge of what was then the Eighth Judicial district, comprising Northumberland, Lycoming, Center and Clinton counties, by a large popular majority. He took the oath of office Nov. 28, 1851, and continued to serve, by reelection, for twenty years. In 1861 the counties of Northumberland, Montour and Lycoming constituted the district. Such continued honors as came to Judge Jordan were not the result of chance.

"Many complicated questions affecting large personal and property interests, and involving principles not heretofore considered, arose during Judge Jordan's incumbency: in these important cases his decisions have stood the severest scrutiny and will be an enduring evidence of his ability as a jurist. He was endowed in a remarkable degree with the logical faculty, while his analytical powers—keen, incisive and accurate—grasped at once the essential points in an argument, dismembered of all irrelevant matter. To him the law was an intricate science, and its study was quite as much a source of intellectual gratification as a professional duty. His intercourse with members of the





bar was characterized by uniform courtesy, and his rulings were so given as to leave no unpleasant feelings; to the younger members his manner and words were kind, considerate and encouraging.

"A professor of the Christian religion, seeking to regulate his public and private conduct in strict conformity with the Christian faith, and to exemplify, by justice and diligence, the harmony of religious principles and professions with the diversified, important and dignified duties of a citizen, a lawyer, and a judge, he was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Sunbury and superintendent of its Sunday school."

Judge Jordan was twice married, his first union, in 1820, being to Mary, daughter of Daniel Hurley. After her decease he married Hannah Rittenhouse, formerly of Philadelphia, who survived him many years, continuing to make her home in Sunbury. Judge Jordan died Oct. 5, 1878, and is buried in the Sunbury cemetery.

Samuel Durell Jordan was one of the leading business men of Milton for many years, noted for his good judgment and executive ability, and he was prominent in the life of the borough generally. He was the organizer of the First National Bank of Milton, and became cashier when that institution opened for business, in February, 1864, continuing in that relation until his death, which occurred April 17, 1875. His opinion in financial matters was sought and followed for many years in this section.

On June 23, 1849, Mr. Jordan married Elisabeth Tharp, daughter of James and Phebe (Vincent) Tharp, who was born in 1823, and died March 24, 1886, at the age of sixty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are buried at Milton. They were the parents of the following named children: Florence V., who is deceased; Mary Hurley, who makes her home in Milton; Elisabeth M., who married Thomas Wilson and has two children, Elisabeth J. and Hurlburt L.; Frank, deceased; and Virginia J., deceased. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jordan belonged to the L. O. O. F. and was a Democrat in politics.

The Vincent family, to which Mrs. Samuel Durell Jordan belonged, was of noble origin. Louis Vincent, the first ancestor to come to America, was born in 1676 in France, during the reign of Louis XIV. in that country and of Charles II. in England, of an old Huguenot family, and came to America after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The family first settled in Alabama and there became large slave owners, selling their slaves some time before the war and then coming to what is now Chillisquaque, Northumberland Co., Pa.

Bishop John H. Vincent erected a beautiful church at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in memory of the family.

John Vincent, son of Louis, was born Jan. 26, 1709. On Dec. 1, 1733, he married Elisabeth Doremus, and they had children born as follows: Esther, July 2, 1734; Cornelius, April 15, 1737; Rachel, Feb. 24, 1739; Elisabeth, May 27, 1741; Elisabeth (2), Sept. 13, 1743; Jane, Feb. 28, 1746; Mary, March 5, 1748; Benjamin, March 10, 1751; Peter, Jan. 18, 1754.

Cornelius Vincent, son of John, born in 1737, married Phebe Ward, who was born April 8, 1740. They had children as follows: Isaac, born June 20, 1757; Daniel, Jan. 17, 1760; Bethuls, June 3, 1763; Sarah, July 25, 1765; Benjamin, Oct. 5, 1768; John, Feb. 4, 1772; Elizabeth, Jan. 4, 1774; Rebecca, Oct. 27, 1776; Mary, Feb. 10, 1779.

Daniel Vincent, son of Cornelius, born Jan. 17, 1760, became the owner of about four hundred acres of land near Fort Freeland, Northumberland county, lying along Warrior run. In 1790 he built the first mill in the vicinity, becoming particularly well known in this connection. The mill was remodeled in 1818 and is still standing. Daniel Vincent was at Fort Freeland when it was attacked by the Indians and he and his wife were taken prisoner, but she was sent back to her friends on horseback, while he was taken to Canada, where he was held for four years. During this time he acted as Commission Agent for his captors. During his fights with the Indians he sustained an injury in his side which continually grew worse and, finally, caused his death. He and many members of his family are buried in the Warrior Run cemetery.

On March 3, 1778, Mr. Vincent married Angelica Huffle, who was born in August, 1760, and their children were born as follows: Phebe, Sept. 15, 1779 (married James Tharp); Isaac, Oct. 21, 1783; Nancy, Dec. 6, 1785; Polly, Oct. 19, 1787; Elisabeth, 1789; Joseph, Sept. 18, 1790; John, Oct. 24, 1793; Lydia, Sept. 6, 1795; Bethuls, Oct. 17, 1798; and Jane, March 7, 1803.

Isaac Vincent, born Oct. 21, 1783, married March 24, 1812, Rebecca Comly, who was born in Philadelphia Nov. 16, 1790. He was born on the old homestead in Northumberland county and early in life took to agricultural pursuits. He was heir to one-half of his father's estate and lived thereon all his life. His children were born as follows: Comly, Dec. 20, 1812; Daniel, Oct. 12, 1814; Nancy, Sept. 9, 1816; Daniel (2), Aug. 16, 1818; Charles C., Jan. 4, 1820; Sarah Caroline, Nov. 25, 1822; Isaac, Oct. 12, 1824; John H., Dec. 2, 1826; Rebecca, Dec. 8, 1829; Hannah M., Aug. 12, 1831.

James Tharp, who died in 1849, at the age of seventy-three years, married Phebe Vincent, who died in March, 1855. They were the parents of Mrs. Samuel D. Jordan.





G. DAL FOX, proprietor of one of the most up-to-date jewelry stores in Northumberland county, is an enterprising citizen of Milton. He was born in Rush township, this county, Jan. 28, 1859, son of Joseph and Hannah (Zehnder) Fox. The emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Fox family settled in Germantown, Pa., and from there entered the service of the Colonies during the struggle for independence.

George Fox, grandfather of G. Dal, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and there followed farming. He and his wife are buried at Irish creek in that township. Their children were: Jacob; Martin, who served in the Civil war; Joseph; Matilda; Susan; Rachel; and Polly.

Joseph Fox, son of George, was born in 1826, and died in 1904, and is buried at Milton. He was a miller by trade, and followed that occupation at Roaring Creek in Rush township. Afterward he bought the Vastine mill at Catawissa, located four miles east of Danville on the Shamokin road. Later he came to Milton, where he died. He married Hannah Zehnder, daughter of John Zehnder, who was born in Germany. Their children were: Emma, who married W. H. Aten; Clara B., wife of Robert Foresman, of Scranton, Pa.; G. Dal; Sue E., who married Jacob Dreshem, of Whitdeer, Union county; Josephine, deceased wife of E. P. Hilliard; and James S., business partner of G. Dal, and a resident of Milton.

G. Dal Fox attended the schools of Rush township and Lewisburg College. After leaving school he began his preparation for commercial work by working as a clerk, continuing at this for fourteen years, three of which were spent in a general store, and the rest of the time in a hardware store. In 1902 he engaged in the jewelry business and has a most complete establishment, carrying a fine line of first-class goods. He also deals in fine hammer and hammerless guns, cutlery, fishing tackle and general sporting goods. His brother is his partner and these two young men have a fine patronage—one in fact that is drawn from far beyond the confines of the town of Milton.

Mr. Fox was elected tax receiver of Milton on the Democratic ticket, and served three terms, making nine years in all, and this in spite of the large Republican majority usually polled in the borough. Fraternally Mr. Fox is very prominent, and as well very popular. He is a member of Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. E., of Milton, and represented his lodge at Los Angeles, Cal., in the summer of 1909, his trip and visit to the coast covering a period of six weeks. He is also a member of Castle No. 256, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

SYDNEY H. SOUTER belongs to that class of manufacturers who know their field of work thoroughly. A member of the third generation of

the Souter family to successfully engage in the manufacture of silk, he himself began in a mill as bobbin boy and learned the business from the ground up. His familiarity with every step in the manufacturing process, gained by practical experience as well as through scientific study, and his masterly grasp of the commercial problems of this industry, give him a commanding position not only in local industrial circles but also among silk manufacturers throughout the country.

Mr. Souter is a native of England, born April 1, 1869, at Presbury, son of William Souter, Jr., and grandson of William Souter, both also natives of England. The latter was born near the Scottish border, where he was reared and educated, and where he learned the silk manufacturing business. Coming to America about 1865, he settled in Paterson, N. J., becoming one of the pioneer silk manufacturers of that State, where he made a permanent home. In January, 1906, though he had attained the age of ninety-two, he was well preserved in mind and body, a patriarchal resident of Paterson.

William Souter, Jr., was born and reared in England, and his entire business career was one of prominent identification with the silk manufacturing industry, in which line he was considered an authority, having made an exhaustive study of the business. He traveled extensively, making a special study of the methods of silk making in both China and Japan. At the time of his death he was vice president and manager of an extensive silk manufacturing concern in Whitehall, N. Y. He met his death in October, 1900, when only fifty-three years of age, as the result of an accident, being killed by a trolley car in Newark, N. J. Mr. Souter married Martha Anna Chanelley, who died in 1880. She was born and reared in England, daughter of Robert Chanelley, a prominent contractor. Of the ten children born to William Souter, Jr., and his wife, Annie died in infancy; Sydney H. is mentioned below; Robert William is superintendent of the Littlestown silk mill in Littlestown, Pa.; Charles Harold is in the railroad service at Schenectady, N. Y.; Clyde Douglass graduated in 1907 from Dartmouth College; Ada is the wife of Edward Sargent, a contractor of Newark, N. J.; Jessie, Elizabeth and Margie are all trained nurses, graduates of the training school of the Newark (N. J.) General Hospital; and Edna is the youngest. The parents having emigrated to this country in 1865, the eldest daughter was born in America. But the family returned to England two years later, not becoming permanent residents of the United States until 1879.

Sydney H. Souter obtained his early education in the common schools of his native land, and after the family settled in America he became a student in Latimer's Business College, in Paterson, N. J., and later completed a course in the cele-



brated Bryant & Stratton Business College, Buffalo, N. Y. He began his active business career in a silk mill in Paterson, N. J., where he was employed in 1881-82, after which he attended school for one year at Northampton, Mass. He then secured a position in the silk mill in that city, where he was an employee for the next nine years, at the expiration of which period he returned to Paterson, where he continued to be identified with the same line of industry for one and one half years. He next passed a year in the silk mill at Pompton, N. J., and for the following three years was employed in the mill of which his father was manager and vice president at Whitehall, N. Y. During the following two years he was again employed at Paterson, and he then removed to Catasauqua, Pa., where he had charge of the establishing, equipping and placing in operation of a silk mill, ably completing his work, after which he came to York, Pa., arriving in that city Sept. 6, 1900. He there became associated with Henry Musser, until recently the president of the Monarch Silk Company, which they forthwith organized, equipping a modern mill and instituting active operations on Sept. 18th of the same year, the date the company received its charter from the state. Employment was afforded to a corps of about six hundred persons, and the annual business soon reached an aggregate of a million and a quarter dollars, with a constantly increasing demand for the company's products in the markets of New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, and other commercial centers. As vice president and general manager of the company Mr. Souter showed great administrative and executive ability, while his intimate knowledge of the details of the business largely conserved the phenomenal but substantial growth of the enterprise. So well was this appreciated that on the resignation of President Musser Mr. Souter was the unanimous choice of the directors for president, and he also continued to act as general manager.

But the Monarch Silk Company was not the only vast concern in which Mr. Souter was actively and prominently interested. He and Mr. Musser successfully promoted the Littlestown Silk Company, which was organized in Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., on July 2, 1903. It was capitalized at \$50,000, and like the Monarch kept running to its full capacity, the demands for its products keeping the mill in operation until midnight. As vice president and general manager of the Littlestown Company, Mr. Souter paid the place a weekly visit; and between this mill, the Monarch and the main office, at No. 27 Spring street, New York, which Mr. Souter also visited weekly, there was certainly no busier man in York, and yet so systematically did he work that he was ever ready to give courteous attention to those who called upon him. His prominent association with so

important an enterprise of York county makes him one of the leading business men of that section. However, he had not attained the limit of his usefulness even in such high capacity, being identified with other important ventures.

In politics Mr. Souter is a consistent and unswerving advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a zealous worker for many years. Within the time of his residence at Paterson, N. J., he was secretary of the board of trustees of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife became members of the First Presbyterian Church of York, Pa. Fraternally Mr. Souter has attained degrees of high distinction in Freemasonry, in which he has passed the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He became affiliated with: Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451, F. & A. M.; Howell Chapter, No. 199, R. A. M.; Gethsemane Commandery, No. 75, Knights Templar, all of York; while he is identified with the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E. and the Lafayette Club, of York; and the Woll Club of New York City.

On June 25, 1890, Mr. Souter married Margaret Morton McLeod, daughter of Alexander McLeod, a representative business man of Paterson, N. J. To this union have been born two children, Sydney Herbert, Jr., and Martha Catherine.

BURT O. MILLER, of Sunbury, proprietor of the Keystone Steam Laundry, is a young business man who has made a name for himself as one of the most enterprising citizens of his generation in that borough. He undoubtedly inherits his ability in that line, his father, Charles S. Miller, having long held his own as a substantial and intelligent business man of the place, where he has been established since 1893. He does the largest meat business in the locality and is otherwise interested in its material advancement, being an energetic and progressive citizen, of high character and irreproachable standing.

This Miller family has long been settled in Dauphin county, Pa., where Abraham Miller, great-grandfather of Burt O. Miller, was born. He was a farmer, owning land in Mifflin township. His brother John lived at Berrysburg, and another brother, Samuel, also lived in the upper end of Dauphin county. Abraham Miller was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Row, had four children: Simon; George, who lived at Gratz, Dauphin county; Anna, wife of Elias Werner; and Josiah A., who married Polly Cooper and lived in Lykens valley between Berrysburg and Elizabethtown. By his second wife, Anna (Bitterman), he had two children: John N., of Valley View, Pa.; and Rebecca, who married Augustus Lantz, of Georgetown, Pa. Abraham





Miller died about 1865, at the age of sixty-five. He and his family were Lutheran members at the brick church below Berrysburg, which he served officially.

Simon Miller, son of Abraham, was born in 1825 in Lykens valley, near Berrysburg, Dauphin county, and met an accidental death in the powder mill explosion at Trevorton, Pa., in March, 1863. He is buried at the Dunkelberger Evangelical Church in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. Though a comparatively young man at the time of his death he owned his home and was in comfortable circumstances. He married Catharine Kobel, daughter of Frederick Kobel, and she survived him many years, reaching the age of sixty-five; she is buried by his side. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Miller: A daughter that died in infancy; Mary, who died young; Charles S.; Louisa, Mrs. Edw. Fry, of Shamokin; Henry, a butcher, who worked for his brother Charles S. and lived and died at Trevorton, Pa.; B. Franklin, a miner, who lives at Trevorton; and Harriet, wife of Frank Conrad and living at Trevorton.

Charles S. Miller, son of Simon, was born July 29, 1849, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was reared to farm life. When thirteen years old he came to Zerbe township, Northumberland county, where he was employed in the mines for eight years, cutting coal. In 1872 he engaged in the cattle business at Seven Points, this county, and from that line quite naturally changed to the butcher business, in which he now has his principal interest. He was located at Seven Points until his removal to Sunbury in 1893. He has since done business at his present location, on Market street, and has long commanded the bulk of the business in his line in the borough and surrounding territory. Mr. Miller keeps two delivery wagons constantly employed in his city deliveries, and has ten men regularly engaged to handle his large trade. He not only kills the meat for his own establishment, twenty steers weekly, thirty hogs, etc., but also slaughters for dealers at Williamsport and Northumberland. He put up his own slaughter-house, which is the largest in this section, having a capacity of \$1,500 worth of business daily, if necessary, and a switch from the yards connects direct with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, giving unusual advantages for prompt shipping and handling of all products. In 1890 Mr. Miller erected an ice plant on the extensive property adjoining his slaughter-house, being the pioneer ice manufacturer in Sunbury. His plant has a daily capacity of fifteen tons. An eighty horse-power boiler has since been added to the original equipment. Mr. Miller has not only shown himself progressive in providing the most approved modern appliances for the convenient dispatch of his business, but also in installing all the devices for sani-

tation known to the modern trade. In this respect, he has not only met all the legal requirements, but in most ways has anticipated and exceeded them, introducing many innovations in this line which are a credit to his intelligence and to his disposition to do the right thing, whether it is expected of him or not. Mr. Miller is a member of the Sunbury Board of Trade and of the Business Men's Association. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, which was organized in 1909 with a capital of \$300,000 (fully paid), and whose home office is at Sunbury, and is interested in the Sunbury and Selinsgrove Trolley Line.

On Dec. 22, 1871, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Catharine Dunkelberger, daughter of George and Catharine (Rebuck) Dunkelberger, who lived in Upper Mahantango Valley, and nine children have been born to them: Arthula (wife of Robert Worrer), Harvey (of Sunbury), Katie May (Mrs. H. E. Lebo), Ezra J. (of Sunbury), Burt O., Cora M., Charles M., Calvin E., and Bertha (who died aged six years). Mr. Miller and his family are members of the First Evangelical Church of Sunbury. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of Malta, the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle.

Burt O. Miller was born Oct. 25, 1881, at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, this county, and there received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended high school at Sunbury and the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating from the latter in 1902. Returning to Sunbury he began working for his father as bookkeeper and clerk in the large meat market, but he soon entered business on his own account. Forming a partnership with Harry C. Fasold, who had had five years previous experience in the laundry business, he became interested as one of the proprietors in the Keystone Steam Laundry, which they opened Oct. 25, 1902, at No. 239 South Fourth street, the firm of Miller & Fasold lasting until Dec. 4, 1909, since which time Mr. Miller has conducted the business on his own account. He bought out his partner's interest and is now handling the business alone. The laundry, which is now located at Nos. 16-18 North Fifth street, is a most completely equipped plant, with all the facilities for doing a large amount of first-class work, and twelve hands are constantly employed. Mr. Miller commands the leading trade in Sunbury. His executive talent and enterprise have been well illustrated in the manner he has built up the business, and the fact that he gains trade and holds it speaks well for his methods and standards of honor.

Mr. Miller is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of the Protected Home Circle, of Lance and Shield Conclave, No. 11 (of which he has been a high officer), and of the Masonic fraternity, in





the latter connection holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg.

On June 5, 1906, Mr. Miller married Mary Elizabeth Felton, daughter of George E. and Mary (Clifford) Felton, of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Presbyterian Church at Sunbury.

DAVID CLOYD MINGLE, owner and proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been engaged in the hotel business ever since he was old enough to be of any assistance, his father having long been a successful hotel proprietor. He has been proprietor of the "Mansion House," the leading hotel at Watsonstown, since 1906. Mr. Mingle was born at Huntingdon, Pa., July 6, 1875, and belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania since the first half of the eighteenth century, the first of this line having located in Berks county in 1732.

The original spelling of the family name, Mengel, is still used by many of its members, the form Mingle having been used by the branch here under consideration ever since a school teacher spelled Squire Mingle's name that way. The whole family followed the new spelling for the sake of uniformity.

There are also Mingles or Mengels in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1890 David Mingle, father of David C. Mingle, met a "cousin" in Hagerstown, Md., Isaac Mengel, of the "Franklin Hotel," who told that his father's name was Isaac and that the father was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and a shoemaker by occupation. He also remembered having uncles David and Samuel, and an aunt, which would seem to make him of the same family as David Mingle. This Isaac Mengel had a brother in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and a son William. There are Mingles at Warriorsmark, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and at Tyrone, Pa., who came from the South, but whether they are related to the Mingles here mentioned or not is unknown. Those of the name at Hagerstown write it Mengel.

The great-grandfather of David Cloyd Mingle, of Watsonstown, lived in Lancaster county, Pa., where all his children were born. His family consisted of at least two sons and two daughters, of whom we have the following record: Samuel was the grandfather of David C. Mingle and is mentioned more fully below. David settled in Mifflinburg about 1823, but later moved to Brush Valley, in Haines township, Center Co., Pa., where he lived until 1854, at which time he moved to Stephenson county, Ill., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1872. He was twice

married, his first wife dying in Center county, and of his twelve children we have record of four by the first union, Samuel (a shoemaker, who lived and died at Lock Haven, Pa.), Henry A. (of Aaronsburg, who died in 1891), Mrs. Samuel Fisher (of Rock Grove, Stephenson Co., Ill.) and Mrs. Susan Motz (who lived on a farm at Woodward, Center Co., Pa., where she died Dec. 11, 1897); and two sons of the second union, who live in the West. The two daughters of whom we have record, sisters of Samuel and David Mingle, were Mrs. Reigle and Mrs. Fox; the latter's son George married a Miss Reigle, his cousin, and lived at Woodward, Center Co., Pa., but nothing further is given concerning the children of either Mrs. Reigle or Mrs. Fox, both of whom lived near Hartleton, Union Co., Pa. The great-grandfather was evidently a shoemaker, and both the sons mentioned followed that trade.

According to one account of this family, "David, who was still quite young, accompanied by a brother, joined the army during the war of 1812, David becoming a member of Capt. Henry Miller's company, stationed at Marcus Hook. At the close of the war he learned the art of shoemaking, and later married a Miss Grove, of Union county, a member of the family noted for their prowess in battling with the Indians."

Samuel Mingle, brother of David, was a shoemaker by occupation. He lived at Aaronsburg, Center Co., Pa., and died at Millheim, that county, in 1849. He married Elizabeth Bordner, of Geneva, N. Y., and to them were born nine children, of whom David is now (1910) the only survivor. The family lived for a number of years in Union county, Pa., where four of the children were born, moving to Center county in 1835 and settling at what was then called Motz Bank, now Woodward. We have the following record of the family: Hannah married Henry Dinges, of Millheim, and later moved to Orangeville, Stephenson Co., Ill. (she had one son, Frank, and two daughters, Libbie and Sarah); Absalom married Susan Roup, of Millheim, and had six children, two sons, David and Alfred, and four daughters, Annie Swartz (of Lewisburg), Libby (whose husband, Mr. Boltz, is a farmer below Aaronsburg), Kate and Rosie; Mary married Henry Ano, of New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., a coachmaker, and they have six living children, Johanna, Charlie, Jennie, Tim, Harry and Durben; Manda died in young womanhood; David was fifth in the family; Jeremiah died in infancy; Catherine married Levi Caver, a farmer of Stephenson county, Ill. (no children); Elizabeth died in infancy; Samson Q. married Rosie Bower and had three children, Bertha, Elizabeth and Harry, of East Orange, New Jersey.

David Mingle, father of David Cloyd Mingle, learned the trade of coachmaker. If his father had not died when he was so young he would undoubt-



edly have learned his trade, shoemaking. In 1886 he entered the hotel business as proprietor of the "American House" at Lancaster, Pa., which he conducted until 1889. From there he went to Mount Joy, same county, where he ran the "Red Lion Hotel" for a year, after which he was at Greencastle, Franklin county, where he conducted the "Crowl House" for six years. He was then at Danville, Pa., for four years, conducting the "City Hotel," after which he lived retired at Lancaster for about two years. His next location was at Newport, Perry Co., Pa., where he had the "Mingle House" for a period of six years, until his retirement. He still makes his home at that place, now (1910) in his seventy-fifth year enjoying the fruits of his active days in well earned leisure. In politics Mr. Mingle is a Democrat, with independent inclinations.

In January, 1863, Mr. Mingle married Catherine Mutherbaugh, who is now over seventy years old. Nine children were born to this union: Flora married Thomas Pendergast, an engineer, of Lancaster, and had four children, Dolly (deceased), Claudy (deceased), Harold (who has a daughter, Margaret), and Mildred; Carrie, Mildred and Myrtle are unmarried; Minnie May married Joseph Henderson and died April 28, 1910, leaving one daughter, Catherine; one son died in infancy; David Cloyd is mentioned below; Sanford Bruce is a resident of Harrisburg; Jennie Alice married Samuel Myers, and they live at Newport (they have no children).

David Cloyd Mingle received a good education in the elementary and high schools of Lancaster, Mount Joy and Greencastle. He was trained to the hotel business from early youth, assisting his father, and when he engaged in the business on his own account took the "City Hotel" at Danville, which he conducted for four years. He then became proprietor of the well known "Cocalico Hotel" at Ephrata, Pa., which he carried on for two years, later going to Newport, where he ran the "Mingle House" for five years. Thence he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he had the "Mingle Cafe," now known as Summers Cafe, for two years, until he bought the "Mansion House," the leading hotel of Watontown, in 1906. This hotel has twenty-four rooms, and is a modern structure of fine appearance, surrounded with spacious porches and well equipped and appointed. It is well kept up and conducted along modern lines, and Mr. Mingle has made a success of the establishment from the beginning, his thorough understanding of the business insuring his patrons that everything possible to efficient management may be expected of him. He is a member of the Hotel Protective Association and the Commercial Travelers Association. Fraternally he is an Elk and a member of the Improved Order

of Red Men, belonging to Lodge No. 663, of Lewistown.

On Nov. 9, 1905, Mr. Mingle married Laura M. Gast.

JOHN H. JOHNSON, merchant of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged as a dealer in iron, stoves and tinware, and has also built up an extensive patronage in tinsmithing, roofing, spouting and sheet metal work. Since 1903 he has also done contracting, and as his business interests reach out beyond Milton to surrounding towns he bids fair to become one of the most successful men in this section of the county. He has made his home in Milton from boyhood.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Center county, Pa., born July 25, 1867, at Milesburg, and his family is of Swedish origin, but has long been settled in this country. His ancestors first emigrated from Sweden to Scotland, from which country his great-grandfather, John Johnson, came to America, settling in New Jersey, where he built the first forge along the coast. The records show that he was an expert mechanic, and he was thus engaged until his death.

John Johnson, grandfather of John H., was born in New Jersey, whence he removed in young manhood to Center county, Pa., being one of the pioneers in the iron business in that region. He was engaged in that line of work all his life, finding a market for his iron at Pittsburg, whither he hauled it from his own forge with mules. He died at Milesburg, Center county. His wife was Margaret Bryson, and among their children were: Elizabeth, who married Daniel McKinley, and died at the advanced age of ninety; George; Ella, who married Henry Eberly; Peter, who was killed before Petersburg, while serving in the Civil war; and Charles, who was killed in the same battle. Four sons and two sons-in-law of this family were killed while serving in the Civil war.

John Johnson, father of John H., was a native of New Jersey and very young when he moved with his father to Center county, Pa. Like his father he also followed the iron business all his life, and after coming to Milton, in 1882, was employed in the old rolling mill. He died in 1891. During the Civil war he served as a member of Co. H, of a Pa. regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and contracted typhoid fever while on duty as a soldier, suffering from poor health for a long time after leaving the service. But he eventually recovered. He married Rebecca Croft, daughter of John and Rebecca (Irlington) Croft. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are buried at Milton. Five sons were born to their union: John H., Samuel, William, Elmer and Morris, all residing in Milton with the exception of William, who lives in Chicago, Illinois.

John H. Johnson received his education in the





public schools of Milesburg and at Bellefonte Academy. He removed to Milton with his father, and like the members of his family generally early became interested in the iron business. For three years he had charge of the nail department of the C. A. Godcharles Company's plant, and then engaged in the scrap iron business on his own account, a line in which he has continued with profit to the present time. His main office is on South Front street, Milton, and he has warehouses at both McEwensville and Milton. It was in natural order that tinsmithing and similar work should come his way, and he has built up an extensive trade in general work of that kind and in roofing, spouting and sheet metal work, his customers being found all over Milton and adjacent towns. Since 1903 he has also done contracting, and he was engaged on the excavation for the Souther Silk Company's mills at Milton. Mr. Johnson has proved his ability to keep up with the times and to lead progress in his chosen line of work, which undoubtedly accounts for the success he has made. His personal and business standing is irreproachable.

Mr. Johnson married Florence E. Krock, daughter of John and Emma (Whitman) Krock, and they have had one daughter, Elizabeth. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, a Republican in politics and in fraternal connection a Mason, belonging to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., to the Chapter, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, K. T.

**PATRICK B. HIGGINS** was engaged in mining work for over forty years before his recent retirement therefrom in 1909, and he is now devoting his activities to farming, having bought his present farm in Ralpho township in 1900. He was born Nov. 1, 1846, near Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Thomas Higgins, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to America with his wife and two children when a young man. Locating near Pottsville, he there passed the remainder of his long life, dying at the age of seventy-two years. He made a trip to California, but did not remain long in the West. By his first wife, Mary (Brennan), he had a family of fifteen sons, only six of whom, however, grew to maturity: Barney, Thomas, Martin, John, James and William. To his second marriage, with Sarah Born, came the following children: Patrick B., Joseph, Bridget, Elizabeth, Mary, Ellen, and Margaret. Mrs. Sarah (Born) Higgins died Dec. 23, 1910, at the remarkable age of 102 years, and was buried Dec. 27, 1910, in the Springfield cemetery.

Patrick B. Higgins was reared near Pottsville. When a boy he commenced work at the mines in Schuylkill county in the usual way, picking slate, but was employed thus only two and one half days when he went to the Williams mines at Mount

Laffer, same county, where he was hired to blow a fan and drive a team. Later he became a loader, and for some time he was a loader boss. His next work was cutting coal, driving gangways, chutes and headings. When he came to Shamokin, this county, in 1868, he assisted in opening the Lancaster colliery, then owned by John and William Gabel, and at this colliery, later known as the Gimlet colliery, he remained for the long period of thirty-nine years and eleven months, until he retired from that line of work in 1909. He served in various capacities, for many years as outside foreman, in fact he was the only incumbent of that position at the Gimlet until he gave up the work. Mr. Higgins had bought a farm of eighty-five acres of good land in Ralpho township in 1900, and there he now resides and follows agricultural operations, which he has found a congenial change. A hard-working and reliable man, he was well known in the coal fields and bore an excellent reputation throughout his career as a miner. He is a citizen of sterling worth and esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is independent, voting for the candidate he prefers, regardless of party ties. In religion he is a Catholic.

Mr. Higgins married Margaret Maderia, daughter of George and Mary (Rhoads) Maderia, and they have had children as follows: Mary married Frank Long; Catharine married William Haines; Thomas is living at Coal Run, Pa.; George makes his home in Shamokin, Pa.; Ellen, Patrick and John are deceased; James lives at home; Diana is the wife of Harry Hornberger; Thursa is deceased.

**JOHN F. HESSER**, who has been outside foreman at the Hickory Swamp colliery, in Mount Carmel township, since 1898, is one of the respected citizens of this region. His father was a boss at this colliery at the time of his death. The Hesser family is an old-established one in this section of Pennsylvania, and we give something of the early general history of the family, contributed by Mr. W. Reiff Hesser, of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., a descendant of the same stock:

In 1732 two brothers, John Hesser and Frederick Hesser, made the voyage to this country in "The Loyal Judith," coming from the Palatinate in Germany. They were young, no doubt, probably boys of fifteen and seventeen years, and in course of time married. One of them (maybe both) settled at the "Trappe," in what is now Montgomery county, Pa., and reared a family. We have record of only two sons, John, born about 1760, and Frederick, born in 1763, both of whom were well known in the lower counties of Pennsylvania. Both served in the Revolutionary war, John (who never married) enlisting as a fifer, remaining in the army throughout the period of the Revolution and continuing in the regular service until the close of





the war of 1812-15. He was with Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815. His army service covered over fifty years, and he died at the age of about seventy at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he is buried; the date of death appears on his tombstone there.

Frederick Hesser (2), recorded above as having been born in 1763, was the grandfather of Mr. W. Reiff Hesser. He enlisted as a drummer in Washington's army in September, 1776, and the terms of enlistment being frequently short in the Revolution, subsequently enlisted three times. He was present at and took active part in the battles of Trenton and Brandywine, was in the reserve at Germantown, and saw active service at various other points. A Hessian musket given him after the fight at Trenton is now in the possession of the family. A British prisoner drummer taught him to drum according to army regulations, and he proved such an apt pupil that he was a drum major in the service when still quite young. Removing to Schuylkill county while it was still a part of Berks county (divided in 1811), he remained there the rest of his life, living at Orwigsburg until his death about 1851. He was high sheriff of that county in 1815 and was court crier for several years, in those days assembling court by roll of the drum in the large open square where the old courthouse still stands. He was a brother-in-law of Francis R. Shunk, who became governor of Pennsylvania, and was himself a man of substance and importance in his section.

Frederick Hesser (2) had four sons of whom there is record; it is probable there were no others. These sons were: Frederick Hesser (3) removed to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he became a prosperous merchant; it is thought he died about 1880. Another son, whose name we do not know, left home when young and was never afterward heard from. Charles Hesser became a prominent bishop in the Evangelical Church; we have not the exact date of his death, but it seems to have occurred about 1845-48. Henry Hesser (father of W. Reiff Hesser) was the youngest of the sons of Frederick Hesser (2), who had also two daughters: Catherine, who became Mrs. John Schoener, and Rebecca, who became Mrs. Fraley. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Fraley was the grandmother of Dr. Herbert Erb, of Orwigsburg.

Henry Hesser was born July 2, 1815, at Orwigsburg, which was then the county seat of Schuylkill county. About 1844 he removed to Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in which he remained about forty-five years, holding responsible positions to the end of his life, in 1890. His family consisted of four sons and two daughters, namely: Albert A. has for many years been in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry.

Company, for a long time as superintendent of the Mahanoy & Shamokin Division, and still holds a position with that company; Charles F. was a prominent business man of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died Dec. 20, 1907; W. Reiff was for twenty-three years in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in important positions, and is now in Reading, Pa., where he is serving as probation officer; H. A. was in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading and other companies for many years before his death, in April, 1910; Elizabeth S. lives at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Emma R. married H. B. Zulick and resides at Schuylkill Haven.

The exact connection between the branch of the Hesser family to which John F. Hesser belongs and that whose history is given above is not clearly established, but it is certain they were of the same stock, as Frederick Hesser, father of John F., was a cousin or second cousin of Henry Hesser, son of Frederick (2). The grandfather of John F. Hesser settled in Schuylkill county, where he died.

Frederick Hesser followed a seafaring life for some time. In 1861 he located at Coal Run, in Northumberland county, where he found employment at the collieries, and for some time he was engaged as slate picker boss at the Hickory Swamp Colliery. He was murdered Dec. 19, 1874, in the engine room of that colliery, by the "Molly Maguires." Mr. Hesser was an intelligent and respected citizen, well known in this section in his day, having been elected coroner of the county in 1872, for a term of three years. He was a Republican in politics; in religion a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Elizabeth Swenck, a native of Schuylkill county, and to them were born five children: Mary A., Elizabeth (who died young), John F., Charles H. and George F.

John F. Hesser was born in 1853 in Schuylkill county, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Swenck) Hesser. He came to Northumberland county with his father and attended the local schools until he commenced work as a slate picker at the Coal Run colliery. When he became older he was employed as a miner about four years, and then went to Pearson, Lebanon Co., Pa., where he was engaged for two years at the carpenter's trade. Returning to his home district he followed his trade and assisted in the construction of the Hickory Ridge breaker, having charge of part of the work. Upon its completion he remained there eleven years, as breaker boss, in 1898 taking his present position at the Hickory Swamp colliery. He has sixty-five men in his charge as outside foreman, and he holds their respect and good will to a gratifying degree. Mr. Hesser is a member of the Independent Americans at Shamokin, and he is a Republican in his political views.



Mr. Hesser married Elizabeth Moll, and they have a family of six children, namely: Frederick E., Charles Henry, Emma F., Mary E., Albert Quay and Laura B.

HENRY CAMERON, of No. 604 West Spruce street, Shamokin, has lived in that borough for almost fifty years, and throughout that long period has been employed at the mines. For over twenty years he has been engaged at the Cameron mines. Mr. Cameron was born May 25, 1852, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where his father, Charles Cameron, a native of New Jersey, located before the Civil war. His paternal grandfather had a family of six children, those besides Charles being: Daniel, Eckbud F., John, Eliza and Lydia A.

Charles Cameron was a plasterer and bricklayer by occupation, and followed his trade all his life. He lived for some time at Shamokin, but eventually returned to his native State, where he died. He married Mary A. Murkel, a native of Berks county, Pa., and a member of an old family of that county, and to them were born seven children: Emeline is the widow of David Reed; Mary E. married Henry Ressler; Henry is mentioned below; Charles lives in Shamokin; Simon is a resident of Jamestown, N. Y.; Wallace lives in Rochester, Pa.; Elizabeth married Emanuel Leiser.

Henry Cameron commenced work at the breaker when a mere boy and has followed mining all his life. He has been a stationary engineer during the greater part of his forty-eight years at the mines, and commenced work with the Cameron colliery about twenty-five years ago, Sept. 15, 1886. He is now one of the trusted employees at the Cameron mines, bearing a deserved reputation for trustworthiness and reliability. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Shepherds of Bethlehem, in politics a Republican, and in religion an adherent of the Reformed faith.

Mr. Cameron married June 21, 1873, Harriet Rhoads, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kerstetter) Rhoads, of Northumberland county, and they have had four children: Sallie E. died at the age of thirty years, the wife of Charles Settelmoyer; Mary C. died in infancy; Jennie F. is the wife of John Young, of Shamokin, and has one child, Joseph Henry; Caroline M. died at the age of twenty-four years.

ABRAHAM C. BOYER, a young business man of Sunbury who is engaged in the manufacture of buggies, carriages and wagons, was born Aug. 30, 1884, in Upper Augusta township, this county, son of Elias D. Boyer. The Boyers are a branch of an old family of lower Berks county, Pa., established in Northumberland county in 1831 by Peter Boyer, great-grandfather of Abraham C. Boyer.

The emigrant ancestor of the Boyer family was

John Philip Beyer, who came from the Palatinate to Philadelphia in 1731, with a number of children. He settled in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., but later lived in Amity township, in the lower end of Berks county, where he died in the spring of 1753, at a ripe old age. He belonged to the Swamp Lutheran Church, and was buried by the pastor, Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who reports the matter fully in the "Halleschen Nachrichten." His will is on record at the Philadelphia courthouse, and in it some of his children are named. Among his sons were: Jacob, the ancestor of the Boyertown branch of the family; and Johann Heinrich.

Johann-Heinrich Boyer was born in 1714, in the Pfalz, Germany, and died May 2, 1814, in the one hundredth year of his age. In 1743 he was married to Magdalena Kirchner, and among his children—six sons and one daughter—were Philip and Heinrich.

Philip Boyer, born Dec. 14, 1754, died July 31, 1832. His wife, Christiana, who was born in 1754, also died in 1832, and both were buried in the old graveyard at Amityville. Philip Boyer made a will the year before his death, while a resident of Amity township, and in it he mentions the following children: Michael; Jacob, who had a son Philip; John; Peter; Mary, married to George Koch; and Daniel, born in 1792, who died in 1825.

Peter Boyer, son of Philip, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and in 1831 came to Northumberland county with his wife and family, which then consisted of twelve children, the youngest two having been born in Lower Mahanoy township, where they settled. His 170-acre farm in that township is now owned by one Frank Phillips. Later he moved to Dauphin county, where he owned a valuable farm and mill property for which he paid \$12,000, and he died in that county about 1850-51, at the age of sixty-five years. He is buried at Hoffman's Church, in Lykens township, Dauphin county. Though a stonemason by trade, he was engaged principally in farming, in which he was very successful and prosperous. He was a strong man, noted for his courageous disposition, and was known locally as "Wammas" Boyer. His wife, Catharine Herb, also of Berks county, lived to the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Benjamin, Sally, Elias, Isaac, Rachel, Mary, Hettie, Gabriel, Abraham, Catharine, Josiah and Benneville (twins), John and Leah, the two last named born in Northumberland county.

John Boyer, probably an uncle of Peter Boyer, above, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Boyer, son of Peter, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and came with the family to Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed the





remainder of his active and successful life with the exception of the years he was at Millerstown, Perry County. Like the Boyers generally, he was noted for his industry and thrift, and he became one of the most extensive farmers in Lower Mahanoy township, owning about five hundred acres of land. He died in Lower Mahanoy township. Abraham Boyer married Catharine Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, and to them were born six children, namely: S. Pierce; Amelia, who married Henry Kieffer, of Dauphin county, Pa.; John, deceased; Elias D.; Hannah, married to John Lahr, of Pillow, Pa.; and Peter, of Pillow.

Elias D. Boyer, son of Abraham, was born April 19, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was there reared to farming, in which he has continued to be interested up to the present time. After living in Stone Valley, in Lower Mahanoy, for five years, he moved in 1882 to Upper Augusta township, where he has since made his home. He is extensively engaged in general farming, owning a number of farms—two in Upper Augusta township, one of 168 acres and one of seventeen acres; and three in Lower Augusta township, of sixty-one acres, eighty-nine acres and 105 acres, respectively. As a lumber dealer he has interests all over the county, employing from six to twenty men in this line, as business demands. Mr. Boyer has also engaged in contracting, having put up about forty houses in the borough of Sunbury, where he has invested heavily in real estate. The farm in Upper Augusta township upon which he makes his home is an attractive and valuable property, with a valuable farm stock and well equipped throughout. A good manager, and possessing excellent judgment in business matters, Mr. Boyer has been very successful, and by his own efforts has accumulated considerable property.

In 1878 Mr. Boyer married Catharine Peifer, daughter of Isaac and Eve (Yerger) Peifer, who lived in Jackson township, and nine children have been born to them: William, now of Fisher's Ferry, Pa.; John, who died in infancy; Hannah, married to Gordon Neidig, of Lower Augusta township, this county; Abraham C.; Eve, who died in infancy; Amelia M., who died in infancy; Edward C.; Katie; and Emma V. Mr. Boyer and his family attend the Hollowing Run Union Church, of which he is a Reformed and his wife a Lutheran member. In political conviction he is a Democrat.

Abraham C. Boyer received a public school education. In September, 1906, he came to Sunbury and established his present business, having a factory on the corner of Woodlawn avenue and Gas Alley for the manufacture of buggies, carriages and wagons, and facilities for all kinds of repairing, of which he makes a specialty. He also acts as agent for Swab's wagons. Mr. Boyer has gained a lucrative patronage, and gives em-

ployment to four men. He is one of the enterprising young business men of the borough and has high standing among his associates and all with whom he has dealings.

On Dec. 21, 1905, Mr. Boyer married Josephine Drumm, daughter of John Drumm, and they have three children, Helen C., Mary A. and Elias D. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

JACOB S. ROHRBACH, of Shamokin township, at present engaged at the carpenter's trade, was born April 4, 1850, in Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of David Rohrbach and grandson of Jacob Rohrbach.

The Rohrbach family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of German origin, being descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in Eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned by one of his descendants. He was twice married, and by his first union had a son Lawrence, who had five sons, Daniel, George (who had eight children), Christopher (or Stophel, who had eleven children), Jacob and Henry. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John; Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkbohner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The ancestor of a number of the name now living in Northumberland county devoted himself to his business affairs and was a successful and influential man of his day in the section of Pennsylvania referred to, where he lived and died. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family. Their son George, born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa., was the father of the late Lloyd T. and William H. Rohrbach, both prominent citizens of Sunbury.

David Rohrbach, son of Jacob Rohrbach and father of Jacob S. Rohrbach, was born in Oley, Berks Co., Pa., and moved with his parents to Columbia county. He followed farming, owning 100 acres along the Roaring creek, where he spent the rest of his days, dying in 1867, at the age of forty-six years. His wife, Sarah (Shuman), died in Catawissa and is buried there. They had children as follows: Jacob S.; Jane, Mrs. William





Beckendorf; Albert, living in Sunbury; Sarah, Mrs. William Witengruver, living in Oklahoma; Clara S., Mrs. Lafountan, living in Scranton, Pa.; Reuben, who died in Shamokin; William, living at Newport News; and Annie, who died young.

Jacob S. Rohrbach learned the trade of carpenter with Christ Hartley, at Roaring Creek, Columbia county, and followed it for four years at that time. He then became a fireman on the railroad, where he eventually became an engineer, on the Catawissa line, continuing in this work about four years. Locating in Snyderstown, Northumberland county, he was employed at his trade four years, at the end of which time he located upon the farm in Shamokin township which he still owns, the old Muench homestead, a valuable tract of 170 acres. For the next twenty-two years he was engaged in farming, from which he retired a few years ago to resume his trade, at which he is now engaged. His farm is fertile and productive land, and he has rented it since he took up carpentry again. Mr. Rohrbach has been successful in the management of his own affairs to such an extent that he has been called upon to assist in the administration of public matters, and he has served his township two years as treasurer and ten years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Dec. 23, 1875, Mr. Rohrbach married Mary E. Muench, who was born Oct. 13, 1856, daughter of Jacob E. Muench and granddaughter of William H. Muench. She died July 12, 1904, and is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Two children were born to this union: (1) Edward M., born Nov. 28, 1883, who learned the telegrapher's art and has been station agent at Paxinos since 1908; he married Susan B. Persing and they have had three children, Virginia Estella (died in infancy), Clyde Edward (died in infancy), and Emanuel P. (2) Mary M. is at home. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

The emigrant ancestor of the Muench family was Charles E. Muench, a descendant of a French noble family of the name of Beauvoir. He probably crossed the French line into Germany prior to the French Revolution, and took the name of his patrimonial estate, "Munchhofen." He was born Jan. 7, 1769, at Mellenheim, on the Rhine, and was educated at Heidelberg, where he spent fourteen years preparing for the ministry, learning five different languages. He inherited a large fortune and a landed estate. Marshal Jourdan, under orders of the French Directory (then the ruling power in France), invaded that section, and Charles E. Muench, in defense of his country, raised a company of dragoons. In an engagement with the French his left arm was so terribly injured that it became partly useless. His portion of Germany being overrun, and in the possession of the French troops, he gathered together his

personal property, abandoned his landed estate and sailed for America. The vessel on which he sailed was overtaken by a French privateer and the passengers robbed of all their valuables, so that he landed at Philadelphia penniless. His wife, Margaret (Bieser), and eldest daughter were with him. Unable to obtain employment, he drifted to Shaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and subsequently lived at different points in Pennsylvania, eventually locating in Lykens Valley, near Berrysburg, in Dauphin county, Pa., where Mr. Muench engaged in school teaching. He died at Lykens Valley in 1833, and his wife passed away in 1834, both reaching the age of sixty-four years. Their family consisted of seven children: Juliana, born in Germany, who married Jacob Wolf; William Henry; Charles F.; Susan, Mrs. Jacob Reigle; Jacob D.; Daniel A., of Harrisburg; and Margaret, Mrs. Peter Miller.

William Henry Muench, eldest son of Charles E. Muench, was born Feb. 10, 1799, at Shaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and as he was born a cripple his parents gave him as good an education as possible, their lack of means making it necessary to limit him to instruction in English and German. In 1819 Rev. J. P. Shindel proposed that he come to the Shamokin valley to teach those branches, and he located at Reed's station, where he taught for twenty-four years, at the same place. He became widely acquainted and was an early friend of Gen. Simon Cameron. He served as county commissioner and held all the township offices, and was appointed justice of the peace for Shamokin township by Governor Schultze, which position he filled thirty years, during which time he married eighty-nine couples, becoming known as the "marrying squire." Shamokin township at one time had a much wider area than at present, including what are now Shamokin, Ralpho, Zerbe, Coal, Mount Carmel and Cameron townships, so that he became well known over a large territory, and being an expert and elegant penman, an accomplishment none too common in those days, he was often called upon to make out deeds and mortgages, transacting a large amount of business of that kind. He died Sept. 8, 1885, aged eighty-six years, and his wife Elizabeth (Reed), daughter of Jacob Reed, whom he married in 1820, died in 1866, aged sixty-six. They are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. William H. Muench was an elder and leading supporter of the German Reformed Church. He had two children, Margaret and Jacob E.

Jacob E. Muench, son of William Henry Muench, was born at the old homestead Sept. 20 or 29, 1823, and died in 1900. During his young manhood he taught in the township schools for a number of years, but his principal occupation was farming, which he carried on extensively. In his early life he was prominently connected with



the State militia, of which he was a member fourteen years. He was appointed first lieutenant by Governor Johnston, and was subsequently elected major, and in 1853 was appointed brigadier-general by Governor Bigler. He was a Republican and active in politics, serving several terms as auditor of his township, from 1873 to 1875 as auditor of Northumberland county, and for many years as school director, being secretary of the township school board for eighteen consecutive years. The public schools always had a warm friend in this public-spirited citizen. In 1886 he was elected justice of the peace. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and served as elder five years.

On Dec. 3, 1854, Mr. Muench married Lavina Scholl, who was born in 1825 at Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa., and met her husband at the home of Conrad Yost, who lived in Shamokin township, this county, while on a visit. Mrs. Muench died Sept. 1, 1862, aged thirty-seven years, the mother of three children: Mary E., deceased, who was the wife of Jacob S. Rohrbach; William F., who died aged seventeen years; and Emma E., who married Reuben F. Martz, of Shamokin township, and died Jan. 7, 1902, aged forty-two years. On Nov. 28, 1878, Mr. Muench married (second) Hattie S. Cooper, daughter of John Cooper, of Upper Augusta township. She is now living at Snyderstown, Pennsylvania.

**JOSIAH R. RISHEL**, station agent at Turbutville and merchant at that place, is an enterprising young business man of his community and in the several years of his residence there has become one of its respected citizens. He was born Sept. 29, 1883, at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., son of Peter A. Rishel, and is a descendant of Michael Rishel, the ancestor of this branch of the family now represented in Montour, Columbia and Northumberland counties.

Michael Rishel was born in Bucks county, Pa., and about 1790 came with his family to Columbia (now Montour) county, settling not far from Danville. He had a number of sons, among whom was Solomon.

Solomon Rishel, son of Michael, lived in Montour county, where he died in 1872.

Washington Rishel, son of Solomon, lived in Montour county, on the road leading from Danville to Bloomsburg. He died about 1894, at the age of about seventy-five, and is buried at Danville. He owned a farm of about one hundred acres, and followed farming. His children were: H. Clarence; Charles, who lives in Montour county; Edward, who lives at Danville; Arthur, who lives in Union county, Pa.; Peter A.; Sarah, who married Alfred Thompson and lives at Benton, Pa.; and Lizzie, wife of Michael Leighow.

This family were Lutherans in religious faith.

Peter A. Rishel, son of Washington, was born in 1842 in Montour county, and still resides there, at White Hall, in Anthony township. He has followed farming all his life, and has a tract of 100 acres. In his earlier years he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he also worked for some years. He married Margaret Roberts, daughter of David and Fannie Roberts, of Montour county, and a family of seven children was born to their union: William C., who married Blanche Dewalt and has four children; Dorence R., station agent at Ottawa, Pa., who married Jennie Evert and has one child, Ruth; Essie M., wife of Samuel Campbell; Leroy L., who lives in Hollidaysburg, Pa.; John G., of Jerseytown, Pa.; Josiah R.; and George. Mr. Rishel and his family are Methodists in religion; he is a Republican on political questions.

Josiah R. Rishel received his education in the public schools of his native township. Until he reached the age of seventeen he spent his summers in work upon the farm. At that time he went to learn telegraphy at Ottawa, Montour county, and in March, 1902, he was stationed at Jerseytown, on the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick (formerly the Central Pennsylvania & Western) road, between Watsonstown and Berwick. After two years at that location he was transferred to Berwick and clerked in the office there two years, at the end of which time he went to Detroit, where he worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad Company three months. Leaving there he worked for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company the next three months, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, taking his present position as station agent of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick road at Turbutville, one of the main stations along the line. He has been agent there continuously since 1905. Mr. Rishel has found excellent business opportunities in his present location, and he has been specially interested as a coal merchant, having a well equipped yard, with a capacity of about five thousand tons, and handling some fifty carloads of coal annually. The yard is enclosed and under roof. Mr. Rishel has also established a profitable trade as a dealer in grain, hay and fruit, his transactions in all these lines increasing steadily under the application of first-class business methods and attention to the wants of his customers.

Mr. Rishel is well known in the local fraternal bodies, being a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of the I. O. O. F. (Warrior Run Lodge, No. 645, at Turbutville), B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 913, of Milton, Pa., and of the Modern Woodmen's and Maccabees' organizations at Turbutville. In religion he is inclined toward the Methodist Church.





AUGUST C. HERR, of Shamokin, inside foreman at the Cameron colliery, has held that responsible position since 1899, and he has been identified with the local coal field since 1873. He is one of the best known miners in the region.

Mr. Herr was born May 5, 1855, at a place about three minutes' walk from Lehe, near Bremen, Germany, son of Louis and Sophia (Willis) Herr, and grandson of Nicholas Herr, who was a miner in Germany, where he lived and died. Louis Herr passed all his life in Germany, dying in 1866, at the age of forty-five years. His children were: Johanna (who lives in Germany), Louis, Charles and August C.

August C. Herr attended school in Germany until he reached the age of thirteen years. He then went to sea on a vessel of the North German Lloyd line, remaining with the company until 1870. He was in England when the war between Germany and France was declared, and from that country he took passage for America, landing at Hoboken, N. J., having secured leave of absence from the ship on which he was employed, with the understanding that he would go back as soon as the ship returned. However, he did not do so, going to St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa., where he found work in the soft coal mines, remaining there until his removal to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., in March, 1873. Here he first obtained work at the Luke Fidler colliery, as miner, for a period of about three months, after which he became a miner at the Cameron colliery. Fifteen years of faithful service brought him promotion to the position of assistant foreman, and he served as such five years, thus rounding out a term of twenty-six years in the employ of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company. In 1893 he became inside foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, but after six years in that position he returned to the Cameron colliery, in 1899, as inside foreman, and there he has since been engaged. Some idea of the extent of his responsibilities may be gained from the mere statement that he has eight hundred men under his direction. Mr. Herr is a man of substantial worth and keen intelligence, a good judge of men and their capabilities and a trustworthy person whose value in his present incumbency has been proved in long years of service.

Mr. Herr is widely known in the fraternities, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and of the Encampment; of the F. O. E.; of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He is a director of the Home Union and of the Citizens Building and Loan Associa-

tion, and is serving as vice president of the Union Company.

In 1875 Mr. Herr married Minerva Hilbrand, whose parents were lost at sea on the voyage from the old country to the United States. Children as follows have been born to this union: Charles Augustus, born Aug. 10, 1875, who married Mary E. Kerstetter and lives in Shamokin; Minnie, born April 19, 1877, who died when five days old; Clara Wilhelmina, born April 21, 1879, who is the wife of Harvey C. Kerstetter; Ludwig C., born June 16, 1880, who married Lillian Llewellyn; William, born Oct. 26, 1882, who married Clara Miller; Ida, born Dec. 21, 1884, who died Sept. 5, 1908; Franklin Monroe, born July 30, 1887; John Alfred, born Sept. 15, 1889; Edward Benjamin, born March 22, 1892; and Annie, born Oct. 8, 1895.

C. E. RAUP, formerly of Milton, Northumberland county, is now located at Galt, Ontario, as manager of the Canadian branch of Samuel J. Shimer & Sons, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

WALTER J. LEONARD, of Sunbury, engaged as yardmaster with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is a native of that place, born Feb. 21, 1876, son of George S. Leonard. The Leonard family is of German origin, his great-grandfather, George Leonard, having been born in Germany, whence he came to America over a century ago. He located at what is now the borough of Northumberland, in Northumberland county, Pa., later going to Liverpool, Perry county, this state, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years. He is buried there. He was a land owner, and at one time conducted a hotel at Northumberland borough. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812. His children were: Lewis, who died at Liverpool; John; Susan, who married David Deckert and lived at Mount Patrick, Perry Co., Pa.; and Polly, Mrs. Slear.

John Leonard, son of George, was the grandfather of Walter J. Leonard, of Sunbury. He was born in Northumberland borough, and died Nov. 22, 1894, at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, at the age of seventy-six years. He is buried there. In his earlier manhood Mr. Leonard was a merchant at Centerville, Snyder county, for several years, and he was engaged as a pilot on the Susquehanna river for some time. He married Sarah Sampsel, a native of Centerville, Snyder county, and their children were: George S.; Thomas M., who lives in Shamokin, Northumberland county; and Alice, wife of Newton Hartman, living at Shamokin Dam.

George S. Leonard, son of John, was born Feb. 14, 1845, in Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., where he lived until he was thirteen years old, meantime





attending the public schools. Removing three miles above Liverpool, he was employed for the next seven years tending locks upon the Pennsylvania canal, except for the time he was in service in the Union army. In June, 1863, he enlisted from Harrisburg, becoming a member of Company I, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, 9th Corps, and was out about two years, his command being attached to the Army of the Potomac. He was never wounded. In 1866 he located at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, where he continued to work for the canal company until 1870, since which year he has made his home at Sunbury. For thirty years after settling there he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (at the time he entered the service it was as an employee of the Northern Central Railway Company), retiring in 1900. He married Mary Lower, daughter of Michael Lower, and they have had four children: Edward (living at Sunbury, Pa.), Della, Minnie (who died aged twenty-four years) and Walter J.

Walter J. Leonard obtained his education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1898. He commenced railroading the same year, starting as a messenger, and was promoted from time to time until in 1900 he became master of the freight yard at Sunbury, where he has charge of fifty men. Mr. Leonard has won his promotions on merit, having made a record for trustworthiness and capability by a consistent career of faithful and reliable service.

On Nov. 25, 1896, Mr. Leonard married Clara Day, daughter of Noah Day, and to them have been born five children, two of whom died in infancy; the survivors are Dorothy Ruth, J. Edward and Sidney. Mr. Leonard has a home of his own at No. 426 South Fourth street. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, and socially he is identified with several organizations, holding membership in True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, Lodge No. 416, Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, the Y. M. C. A. and No. 1 Fire Company, all of Sunbury. In politics he is a Republican.

Jackson Day, grandfather of Mrs. Walter J. Leonard, was a native of York county, Pa. For a number of years he lived at Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he conducted the work train, and he died at the age of sixty-five, in about 1891, at that place, where he is buried. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church. He and his wife Jane (Beck), who was also of York county, had a family of eight children.

Noah Day, son of Jackson and Jane (Beck) Day, was born May 1, 1851, at Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa., where he received his education. He began railroading at the early age of fifteen years on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's

work train at Millersburg, and after serving as flagman and fireman in turn became engineer, being engaged in that capacity for thirty years before his death. He was yard engineer at D. Y. Mr. Day was well known among railroad men, was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, of the Pennsylvania Relief Fund Association and of the Veteran's Association. He held membership in the First United Evangelical Church at Sunbury, and in politics was a staunch Republican.

Mr. Day's first marriage was to Alda Gilbert, who is buried at Millersburg. By that union he had two children: Frederick, who lives at Stone Harbor, N. J.; and Jennie, who married Samuel Kobel and lives at Millersburg, Pa. On Oct. 12, 1876, Mr. Day married (second) Margaret Yeager, daughter of Christian Yeager, a native of Germany, who lived at Georgetown (Dalmatia), Pa. Mr. Yeager married Sarah Burrell, who was from Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and they had children: George, Alexander, Sarah, Peter and Margaret (wife of Noah Day). Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Day: Clara, Mrs. Walter J. Leonard; Cora M., wife of Jonathan Kunkel, of Sunbury; Jackson, who died in infancy; Virgie V., wife of Ralph Bailey, of Williamsport, Pa.; Daisy, who died in infancy, and Verlin E., wife of Charles B. Smith, a railroader, who has a daughter, Geraldine Elizabeth (they reside with Mrs. Day).

PATRICK F. KEARINS, of Shamokin, proprietor of the "Market Street Hotel," has succeeded his father in the business. The latter was one of the early hotel-keepers of the borough, and in his day was a well known man and regarded as one of the public-spirited citizens of Shamokin.

Patrick Kearins, the father, was born in 1833 in Ireland, and was a young man when he came to America. He located at Shamokin among the early residents of the place, and for some time followed mining, later engaging in the hotel business, which he continued until his death. He took a great interest in the welfare of his adopted town, and was respected by the many with whom he came in contact in his business and social relations. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-four years, and is buried at Shamokin. He was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Mr. Kearins married Bridget Kelly, who died when still a young woman, the mother of five children: Mary, who married Joseph Simmons; Katie, who married Peter Feibig; Thomas, who died when seventeen years old; John, who is living with his brother Patrick; and Patrick F.

Patrick F. Kearins was born at Shamokin Jan. 18, 1871, and received his education there in the public and parochial schools. For about two years he was employed at the mines, and then



learned the printer's trade, at which he was engaged for about seven years in all, until he became associated in the hotel business with his father, about two years before the latter's death. After that event he continued the business on his own account, buying the property in 1903. The location, at Nos. 22-24 North Market street, is a favorable one for hotel purposes, and Mr. Kearins has held the trade which his father established and increased it by his own good management. He has a wide acquaintanceship and is a substantial and respected man.

In April, 1902, Mr. Kearins married Margaret Jones, daughter of Herbert M. Jones, the latter a native of Wales who came to America and settled in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Kearins have had the following children: Mary, Marguerite (deceased), Patrick and John (the latter deceased). Mr. Kearins is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and a member of the Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Red Men. He is an independent voter, supporting the best man, regardless of party.

EZRA R. JACOBY, of Northumberland, now serving as assistant yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at that point, has been in the employ of that company continuously for the long period of forty-three years, and for over a quarter of a century held the responsible position of general yardmaster. Mr. Jacoby is of German descent, his great-grandfather having been one of the five Jacoby brothers who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to this country, one settling in Philadelphia, on what is now Jacoby street, so named in his honor; he conducted what was known as the "Black Horse Hotel." One settled at Valley Forge, and participated in the Revolutionary war. Another settled on Durham creek, in Bucks county, Pa., and during the war sold his wheat to the Colonial Government, being paid in Continental money, some of which is still treasured by members of the family. Mr. Ezra R. Jacoby, of Northumberland, having part of it. The fourth brother settled near Allentown, Pa., and the fifth in Bucks county, at Bursonville. The last mentioned had a son John Jacoby, who in time became judge of the county. His homestead was near Bursonville, on Durham creek, where he had a stone mansion of Colonial architecture. He was twice married, his second wife living to the age of 104 years.

Samuel Jacoby, son of John Jacoby by his second marriage, was born May 8, 1806, at the homestead. In 1824 he moved to near Masonville, in the State of New York, and continued to reside in that State until 1846, when he removed to Pennsylvania. Settling first at Trout Run, in Lycoming county, he farmed there for some years, and then moved to Loyalsock, same county, where

he passed the remainder of his days, dying at Warrensville March 6, 1901, in his ninety-fifth year. He is buried at that place. Though a hearty, rugged man all his life, he had lived retired for the last thirty-five years, enjoying the fruits of his early industry. At the time of his death the flag on the local schoolhouse was placed at half-mast as a mark of respect and in recognition of his useful citizenship and high character. His parents were members of the German Reformed Church, but he and his family were Methodists. Mr. Jacoby was married in New York State to Clara H. Biels, who was born April 12, 1809, daughter of John Biels, and died March 16, 1890. They were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Sarah (deceased) married Abraham Abker; Mary Augusta married Robert Abker, nephew of Abraham Abker; Chester (deceased) lived in Cascade township, Lycoming county; William is a resident of Loyalsock, that county; Lucy died young; Abraham is a farmer of Cascade township; Ezra R. is mentioned below; Rachel died when fourteen years old.

Ezra R. Jacoby was born Oct. 16, 1845, near Masonville, N. Y., and was six months old when brought by his parents to Pennsylvania. He attended public school for a short time during his early boyhood, but his educational advantages were limited, and he read and studied in his mature years to make up for early deficiencies. After working on the farm until he was fourteen years old, he was later employed in the lumber woods until the fall of 1862, at which time he enlisted, from Williamsport, Pa., in the Union army, becoming a member of the 3rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, Volunteers, with which he served until August, 1865. He was in the engagement before Petersburg.

On Nov. 27, 1867, Mr. Jacoby entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he has since remained. He began as brakeman, was conductor in Williamsport for eighteen months, and then, in March, 1870, came to Sunbury to take the position of yardmaster, being thus engaged for five years. From that time until 1903 he was general yardmaster, his service in this capacity being highly creditable. Since relieved of this responsibility he has been assistant yardmaster at Northumberland. During his more active years he had charge of much important work, and had as many as eight hundred men under his supervision at times. He attained his high position through his own efforts, and he has held the esteem of his associates and employers throughout his long career.

On Nov. 12, 1865, Mr. Jacoby married Florence M. Brown, daughter of Heman and Anna Belle (Snyder) Brown, and to them have been born six children: Harry, now of Oil City, Pa.; Drucilla, who died when fifteen years old; Dora Belle, Mrs.





Charles H. Dodge; Charlotte, Mrs. Samuel Todd; Charles, who died in infancy; and Augustus K., a railroad man, who makes his home at Northumberland.

Mr. Jacoby and his family have occupied the present home on Front street, Northumberland, since April, 1884. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church there, and socially he belongs to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Chapter No. 174, R. A. M.; Danville Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree.

JOHN D. SWANGER, photographer and art dealer, and one of the busiest and most popular of the younger citizens and business men of Milton, Pa., is a native of Franklin county, born at Lurgan, in 1883, son of Daniel D. and Mary E. (Long) Swanger.

Daniel D. Swanger is one of the prominent and best known men in Franklin county. For many years he taught school, for twenty-five years filled the office of justice of the peace, and for several years was president of the Lurgan Mutual Fire Insurance Co. At the present time he is engaged as a merchant at Lurgan. He married Mary E. Long, and their children born to them are: Libby, Bruce, Harry, Ellis, Anna, Thomas and John D.

John D. Swanger attended the schools in his native town, and for a time was employed by his father. He then left home, going to Shippensburg, Cumberland county, where he learned photography under C. A. Goodhart. In 1902 he opened a studio at Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and for two and a half years carried it on successfully. He then came to Milton, and accepted a position with H. B. Montgomery, and later bought out his employer. Since then he has carried on the business alone, and so well has he succeeded that he has little time for anything but his work. He studies constantly to perfect himself in all the new and most scientific methods, and he has won an enviable reputation. He is a member of the State Photographers' Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen.

Mr. Swanger married Carrie E. Billmeyer, daughter of Henry Billmeyer, of an old and prominent family of Northumberland and Montour counties. They attend the Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Swanger has been a resident of Milton but, comparatively speaking, a few years, yet he has shown himself a citizen of genuine worth. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and takes an interest in its work as well as in all movements that look to the growth and development of the borough.

EMORY L. MILLER, a young business man of Shamokin who is making a success as a contractor and builder, was born Dec. 29, 1883, at

Augustaville, this county, son of Hiram R. Miller. His grandfather,

George Miller, who is commonly called "Hunter George," immigrated from Germany some time in 1700. He settled near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. He had several children, but nothing is known of them by his descendants with the exception of John Miller, who settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, prior to 1785. He owned about thirteen hundred acres of land situated upon the Centre pike. He built his log house on the south side of the road opposite where George W. Miller later made his home. In 1785 he married Catherine Raber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and by whom he had two sons and two daughters: George and David, both deceased; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and later to a Mr. Wilbour; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Miller. Before his death John Miller divided his property between his sons, David taking the land on the south side of the valley and George that on the north side.

David Miller, son of George, lived in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and followed farming. He married Grace Jones, and their children were: Solomon, Jefferson, Maria (married Reuben Kline), Rosania (married Farnsworth Reed), Louisa (married Jacob Gonser) and Hiram R.

Hiram R. Miller, born July 14, 1835, died May 4, 1894, and is buried at the Augustaville stone church. He was a miller by trade. His wife, Lucy A. Startzel, born Jan. 31, 1846, now resides in Sunbury. They were the parents of five children, namely: Maria A., born Sept. 15, 1866; George V., June 15, 1868; Herbert A., June 28, 1872; Bertha, Nov. 19, 1885 (died young); and Emory L., Dec. 29, 1883.

George Startzel, father of Mrs. Lucy A. (Startzel) Miller, lived near Paxinos, in Shamokin township, this county, and died at Snyderstown, that township. He married Ellen Adams, daughter of Casper Adams, and to them were born the following children: David, Daniel, Peter, George A., Mary, Lucy A. and Harriet.

Emory L. Miller received his early education in the public schools and later attended Bucknell Academy, at Lewisburg, after which he took a course at Syracuse University, graduating from that institution in 1906. Meantime, however, he had learned the carpenter's trade with William Simpson, of Sunbury, and followed that line of work for some seven years before he entered college. After his graduation he located in the borough of Shamokin, where he has since been established in business as a contractor and builder. He has had the contracts for a number of substantial and important buildings in the locality, having erected the S. O. Reed and C. M. Adams residences in 1909; the "Ross Hotel," the Marheft building





and the residence of J. C. Brown, all in Shamokin. He drew the plans for the Kleckner business college at Sunbury, and drew the plans for the I. O. O. F. building at Trevorton, which he also constructed. His reliability and fitness for the work are best shown in the nature of the contracts intrusted to him, and his best recommendation is his work itself.

On March 21, 1910, Mr. Miller married Minnie S. Crone. They reside at No. 510 North First street, Shamokin. He is a Lutheran in religion, a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Syracuse University.

T. Herman Crone, father of Mrs. Miller, was born at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., was a butcher by occupation, and died in Shamokin, this county, Sept. 1, 1896. He married Emma Sweitzer, daughter of John Sweitzer, a native of Germany, and to their union were born three daughters: Mary, who is at home; Minnie S., Mrs. Miller; and Bessie, at home.

**BENJAMIN I. EVANS**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, inspector of the Fifteenth Anthracite Inspection District of Pennsylvania, holds a responsible relation to the eight thousand mine workers employed in the twelve collieries over which he has jurisdiction. He has been a mine worker all his life, practically, and is well versed in the duties of his position, the importance of his work and the obligation under which it puts him to serve his fellowmen to the best of his ability.

Mr. Evans is a native of Wales, born in 1862, and was eighteen years old when he came to America. His first location was at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining for about ten years, after which he became foreman of the colliery at Mahanoy Plane. He occupied that position about five years, and his next experience was at Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county, also as foreman, whence he changed to the Maria colliery, at Mahanoy City, for two years. He came to Mount Carmel in September, 1903, and has since made his home in that borough. Mr. Evans took the examination to qualify for State mine inspector in 1902, at Pottsville, and passed with a high grade. He has since passed other examinations, in 1903, 1906 and 1908, continuing to hold his position through merit and eminent fitness for its duties. He is thoroughly conversant with its responsibilities and has proved himself competent to inspect and report upon the twelve collieries in his care, in which a total of about eight thousand people are engaged. His integrity and fairness, and a high sense of honor, have marked his performance of the trust he has so long held, and he is not only well but favorably known throughout the local coal field.

Mr. Evans was married to Charlotte Baer, and to them has been born one daughter, Elizabeth A., now the wife of Frederick Persing, of Mount Carmel. They reside at No. 24 North Maple street, Mount Carmel, where Mr. Evans maintains his office also. Socially he is a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows, and in politics he is a Republican.

**WILLIAM H. DUNKELBERGER** has been established in business at Sunbury for only a few years, but his store has a wide reputation, being the largest of its kind in central Pennsylvania and carrying a stock noted for completeness. Mr. Dunkelberger is located at No. 437 Market street, in the heart of the business district of the borough, and is engaged as a dealer in floor coverings, tapestries and upholstery goods of all kinds. He is one of the younger element, having been born April 8, 1880, at Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and is of Northumberland county stock, his grandfather, John Dunkelberger, having been a farmer in Little Mahanoy township. John Dunkelberger was married three times, and had six children by one union, namely: Cornelius, Henry, Lewis, Samuel, Lizzie (who never married) and Mrs. Henry Peifer.

Cornelius Dunkelberger, father of William H. Dunkelberger, was born in 1839 in Little Mahanoy township, and spent a number of years in Northumberland county. Later he moved to Snyder county, where he has since made his home, having long been a resident of Middleburg and one of the influential citizens of that place, active in business, political and church circles. In fact, he has been an enthusiastic worker and a leader in every line which has claimed his interest. For a number of years he was a prosperous grain, coal and lumber merchant. Since 1884 he has been connected with the United States internal revenue service at that point. In the year named he was appointed storekeeper and gauger, later deputy collector, and has been in the Government service since 1888. He has long been active in the Republican party in his locality, having been committeeman from Franklin township, Snyder county, for some years, county chairman, and frequently delegate to county and state conventions. For many years he has been one of the most energetic workers in the United Evangelical Church of Middleburg, in which he holds membership, having been long superintendent of the Sunday-school, a class-leader, exhorter, etc., in fact, one of the pillars of the congregation. He married Harriet Sechrist, daughter of Henry Sechrist, who lived near Port Trevorton, Snyder county, and they have a family of six children, namely: Ella married J. I. Acher and they live near Port Trevorton; Elizabeth married J. R. Kreeger, of Middleburg; Mary married Dr. J. G. Sallada, of Benton.



Pa.; Gertrude and Lillian are unmarried; William H. is a resident of Sunbury.

William H. Dunkelberger received his education in the public schools of Middleburg. At an early age he began clerking in a general store at Lewistown, Midlin Co., Pa., and was thus engaged for thirteen years, laying a thorough foundation for his future career, becoming familiar with the details of merchandising and business methods and gaining an insight into the executive branch of the business which has proved most valuable to him in his independent venture. In 1907 he commenced on his own account at his present location in Sunbury, and he made a success from the start. He has worked hard to place his business on a substantial foundation, and he deserves the large share of patronage which has come to him.

On Feb. 3, 1903, Mr. Dunkelberger married Nellie Crawford, daughter of Albert and Margaret (Sheep) Crawford, who lived near Milton, Northumberland county, and they have had one son, William Crawford. The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury. Socially Mr. Dunkelberger unites with Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, with Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 174, also of Sunbury, and the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 267, of Sunbury.

JOSEPH ERASTUS A. SOWERS, of Shamokin, foreman for the Mount Carmel Iron Company, was born Aug. 19, 1842, in Spring City, Chester Co., Pa., in which county the family has been established for some time. His grandfather, Joseph Sowers, was a native of Germany, and came thence to America many years ago, settling near Spring City. He followed farming, and continued to reside there until his death. His children were Erastus, Mahlon and Abner.

Abner Sowers, son of Joseph, was born on his father's farm in Chester county. He lived principally at Royer's Ford, Montgomery county, where he followed farming for some years, later working in a mill. He died in 1860. Mr. Sowers married Elizabeth Taney, also a member of a Chester county family, of French descent, and to them were born three children: Joseph Erastus A.; Charles, who died young; and Annie, now deceased, who was the wife of Rev. Henry Chapman, an Episcopal minister. After the death of her husband Mrs. Sowers married William Wilcox, who is now also deceased, and by that union had two children, William and Annie, the former now a resident of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Erastus A. Sowers attended public school at Norristown, Montgomery county, and commenced to work in the rolling mills there. Thence he went to Pottsville, where he learned the molder's trade, continuing to follow it until he enlisted for service in the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 96th Regiment, Penn-

sylvania Volunteer Infantry, from which he was transferred to the 52d Pennsylvania regiment, and he held the rank of sergeant throughout his service. He was under General McClellan and took an active part in the Peninsular campaign, and in the operations in North and South Carolina, the battles in which he was engaged including Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Bolten Bridge, Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp, James Island, Fort Sumter, Yorktown, Fort Wagner, Morris Island, Ball Island, and Fort Johnson, where he was captured July 3, 1864. He was taken to Charleston and thence to Andersonville, where he was held three months, from there going to Florence, where he was kept two months before receiving his parole. He was discharged Nov. 27, 1864, after three years and five months of service.

Returning to Pottsville, Pa., Mr. Sowers worked there one year and then went to Port Carbon, where he took charge of the foundry for J. R. Boyer. He held that position for several years, at the end of which time he had a chance to better himself, becoming foreman of the molding department in the establishment of John Mullen & Son, at Shamokin, Dec. 21, 1875. He remained with this firm for the long period of thirty years, and has since held his present position, being now foreman for the Mount Carmel Iron Company. Intelligent, faithful and conscientious, Mr. Sowers stands high among his fellow workmen as well as with his employers, and he is a respected citizen of the borough in which he has so long made his home. He is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading (to which he transferred in 1911 from Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre); and the Temple Club, of Shamokin. He also belongs to Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

On Oct. 25, 1866, Mr. Sowers married Ella Lord, daughter of Henry Lord, of Pottsville, Pa. Their home is at No. 1101 Vine street, Shamokin. Five children have been born to this union, four surviving, namely: Harry, a machinist, in the employ of John Mullen & Son (he married Katie Miller and has two children, Essie and Frank); Elizabeth; Harvey B., a molder also in the employ of John Mullen & Son (he married Frances Burner); and Ella May.

CLARENCE K. MARTZ, blacksmith and wheelwright at Paxinos, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which has been settled in this county for over a century, being a son of Franklin Martz and grandson of David Martz.

David Martz was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower





Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a fulling mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Their children were: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David P. is a resident of Ralpho township, this county; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz, son of David, was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Northumberland county, was reared upon a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, following both farming and carpentry. He died near Paxinos, on his farm, in July, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church. His wife, Margaret (Fisher), a native of Northumberland county, daughter of John Fisher, still survives, residing at Paxinos. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Martz. They were the parents of a large family, five of whom are living: Edward H.; William, who lives in Shamokin; Bertha M., married to Frank Wertley; Catherine A., married to William Kriegbaum; and Clarence K.

Clarence K. Martz was born April 9, 1873, received his education in the schools of the home locality and was reared upon the farm until he reached the age of nineteen. At that time he went to Elysburg to learn the trade of blacksmith with Joseph Lynn, remaining there for a period of five years, after which he went to Shamokin for a year. After that he carried on a farm in connection with his trade for some time, and in 1902 began business at his present stand, in Paxinos, where he has been doing business continuously since. It is a fine location, and he has built up a profitable custom, doing a general blacksmith and wheelwright business. In 1907 he admitted William E. Fisher to a partnership in the business, the firm being known as Martz & Fisher. Mr. Martz has served his township in the capacity of supervisor, which office he has held for three years. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Socially he holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. and in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Martz married Julia A. Epler, daughter of Amos Epler, of Shamokin township, and to this union have been born two children, namely: Clara and Fred.

PETER F. CULP, now of Sunbury, made his home on his farm in Rockefeller township from

1891 until his recent removal to the borough. He is employed as car inspector in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, his service with the company covering over thirty years—since 1877. Mr. Culp was born Nov. 14, 1850, in what was then known as Augusta township, Northumberland county, son of Peter Culp, grandson of Henry Culp (or Kolb) and great-grandson of Conrad Culp, who was born in the year 1761 and died April 8, 1846, aged about eighty-five years. He lived in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, where he had the farm now owned by a Mr. Haas. His wife, Magdalena, born in 1761, died Feb. 9, 1849. Their children were Mrs. Stophel Sterner and Henry.

Henry Culp (or Kolb) was a native of one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, born March 10, 1791, and was one of the pioneer settlers in his section of Northumberland county, where he located on what is known as the old Pike (Tulpehocken) road, about two miles east of Sunbury. He owned a farm in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, which has since been divided into several tracts. He lost considerable of his estate through the shrinkage of Continental currency. His death occurred Sept. 11, 1833, and he is buried at Sunbury. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Saloma, born in February, 1790, died April 15, 1835. They were the parents of the following children: Benjamin lived in Crawford county, Pa.; William lived in Millersburg, Elkhart Co., Ind., and there are still many Kolps, Kolbs, Colbs and Colps in that county, descendants of this family; Samuel died at Shamokin, Pa.; Charles lived at Ashland, Pa., where he conducted a hotel; Hettie (Esther) married a Mr. Brobst and they lived at McEwensville, Pa.; Sarah married Henry Kniss (who had a brother Peter), of Rockefeller township, where he followed farming; Peter is mentioned below.

Peter Culp, son of Henry, was born April 22, 1811, and lived and died in what is now Upper Augusta township. His birth and death occurred on the same farm. He followed farming all his life, and died at a comparatively early age, Sept. 5, 1850. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Gertrude Lantz, was a daughter of Samuel and Magdalene (Martz) Lantz, her father a foremost citizen of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Culp had the following children: Susan, who married William Weitzel (both are deceased); Henry, late of Sunbury; Samuel, of Sunbury (he was a soldier in the Civil war); David, who died while serving in the army during the Civil war; Richard, also a soldier in the Civil war, who lived and died in Sunbury; Albert S.; and Peter F.

Peter F. Culp was trained from boyhood to farm life, and has always retained his interest in agricultural pursuits. Since 1877 he has been an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.





being engaged as car inspector at the Sunbury yards. In 1891 he settled on his ninety-acre farm in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the old Judge Abraham Shipman homestead, and for ten years he owned and operated the Judge Shipman grist and saw mill, which stood on his property. He is an energetic and active man, and though occupied with his business interests has found time for public service and social pleasures. For twenty-three years he held the office of school director, serving over fifteen years as secretary of the board. He has long been a working member of the Democratic party, and has served a number of times as delegate to the county conventions. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, and he was choir leader of the Lantz Church (named after his grandfather) for over twelve years. Recently he and his wife took a month's trip through the West. They came to Sunbury April 3, 1911, and reside at No. 1273 East Market street.

In 1873 Mr. Culp married Anna Heilman, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Smeltzer) Heilman, and they have had a family of eight children: Gertrude, who married Jacob Drumm; Margaret, wife of Ed. Bartholomew, of Sunbury; Creighton Glenn, who married Gertrude Reader, and resides in Sunbury; Peal Vernon, who married Mary Hewett, and lives in Sunbury; Royal Palmer, who married Stella Lytle and farms the homestead place in Rockefeller township; Albert Bernard, who married Ethel Weitzel and lives in Rockefeller township; Bessie Blanche, and Bryan Darlington.

Daniel Heilman, father of Mrs. Culp, was born Jan. 26, 1795, in Northampton county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1820, settling in Lower Augusta township on the farm now owned by his granddaughter, Margaret Anna (Heilman), wife of Robert Charles. Here he died April 29, 1875. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812-15. Mr. Heilman was employed as a cabinetmaker, carpenter and undertaker. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection a devout member of the Lutheran Church, serving many years in the church council. His first wife, Gertraut (Diehl), born Jan. 18, 1793, died Oct. 22, 1846, and his second wife, Margaret (Smeltzer), of Lower Augusta township, daughter of Daniel Smeltzer, who came from Stone Valley, and widow of Christopher Ummel, died Jan. 5, 1888, aged seventy-three years, three months, sixteen days. Mr. Heilman and both his wives are buried at the Augustaville Lutheran and Reformed Church. Mrs. Heilman was a member of the Reformed congregation. Ten children were born to the first marriage: Lydia, Mrs. Henry H. Malick; Hannah, Mrs. William Malick; Gertrude, Mrs. Henry Savage; Jeremiah, of Nebraska; Daniel D.; Maria, Mrs. Hiram Bloom;

Esther, Mrs. Andrew Hauck (they live in Kansas); John; and two who died young. There were two children by the second union: Anna, Mrs. Peter F. Culp, and Isaiah A., of Kansas.

Daniel D. Heilman, son of Daniel, was born in Lower Augusta township Dec. 25, 1829, and died on his farm there June 30, 1904. He was a farmer, but also followed the carpenter's trade and undertaking. In 1856 he married Elizabeth Hauck, who was born Nov. 15, 1831, daughter of David and Anna (Lantz) Hauck, and died Oct. 11, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman are buried at the Augustaville Church. They had four children: Margaret Anna, wife of Robert Charles; Clara Elizabeth, Mrs. A. J. Smith; Dr. D. Franklin, of Northumberland; and John Calvin, who was accidentally killed in Indiana, when twenty-five years old:

ALBERT S. CULP, son of Peter and brother of Peter F. Culp, was born Nov. 29, 1848, and lived near the Lantz Church, in Rockefeller township, where he owned a piece of property. He was a car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, where he was accidentally killed, while on duty, March 16, 1882. He is buried at Lantz's Church. His wife, Annie K. (Hower), now (1910) fifty-eight years old, survives, making her home with her sons. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Culp: Samuel E., who is unmarried; Charles L.; Sarah G., who died aged twelve years; and Mary K., who married Rev. E. L. Kistler, a Lutheran minister located near Sunbury, who died in the spring of 1911.

Charles L. Culp, son of Albert S. Culp, was born Sept. 10, 1874, in Rockefeller township. For over fifteen years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the spring of 1909 commencing farming on his own account in Rockefeller township, he and his brother Samuel E. purchasing the 116-acre tract formerly known as the George M. Kelly farm. They are cultivating this land, and Mr. Culp makes a specialty of dairying, selling his milk wholesale in Sunbury. He is an enterprising and progressive young man, and has accomplished considerable even in the short period he has devoted himself to agricultural work. In 1897 he married Henrietta DeWitt, daughter of David DeWitt, and they have one son, Albert David.

JOHN O'GARA, of Shamokin, member of the firm of O'Gara & Dooley, who conduct a hotel at No. 322 Independence street, opposite the Reading station, is well known in that connection and also as the leader in central Pennsylvania of those who encourage and support clean sports. His activity in this direction has won him many friends.

Mr. O'Gara was born at Trevorton, this county, Dec. 24, 1861, son of Patrick O'Gara, who was



born in Ireland in 1829 and came to America in 1845. He landed at New York City but did not remain there long, proceeding to Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa., where he found work at the mines. Later he made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he continued mining to the end of his active days. He died in 1896, at Shamokin. Mr. O'Gara married Margaret Donlin, a native of Ireland, who came to this country with her parents in 1845 and lived at Beaver Meadows, where she was married. She died in 1900. Seven children were born to this union, Catherine, Thomas, Mary, Bridget, John, Michael and Daniel.

John O'Gara attended school at Trevorton and began work as a slate picker, working as such for a short time. He then drove team in the mines and in time became a miner, following mining for about twenty years, during which time he was employed at the North Franklin, Sterling, Burnside and Bear Valley collieries. After abandoning mining he was for six years engaged as a clerk for J. E. Herrold, at the "Exchange Hotel," at Shamokin, of which he became proprietor at the end of that period, conducting it successfully for six years on his own account. In 1908 he became associated with his brother-in-law, J. W. Dooley, under the firm name of O'Gara & Dooley, and they have since conducted the hotel at No. 322 Independence street, opposite the Reading station. The location is particularly favorable, and they have a large patronage, which they retain by fair treatment and attention to the welfare of their patrons.

Mr. O'Gara's connection with the promotion of clean sports has made him a well known figure throughout central Pennsylvania. He is an authority on such matters and well fitted for leadership. Fraternally he holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion, being a member of St. Edward's Church at Shamokin.

On June 25, 1884, Mr. O'Gara married Ella Mansfield, who died June 19, 1891, the mother of four children: Frank, Mary (married George F. Mullen), Morris and Arthur. His second wife was Jennie Dooley, daughter of Michael and Catharine (Kerstetter) Dooley, and they have had eight children: Edwin, Warren, Hilda, Ruth, Martha, Leon, Helen and Elizabeth.

PETER ROOS, outside foreman at one of the largest collieries in Northumberland county, the Locust Spring colliery at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, has been engaged in mining ever since he commenced work with the exception of a comparatively short time spent at the blacksmith trade. He has had about twenty years' experience as assistant foreman and foreman.

Mr. Roos was born in 1860 at Thomaston, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Peter Roos, a native of Germany who came to this country in his young manhood and passed the remainder of his life in this section of Pennsylvania. He settled in Schuylkill county, where he worked at the mines, and died at Mahanoy City, in that county, at the age of forty-five years. His wife, Catherine (Ecker), lived to the age of seventy-two, dying in 1908. They were the parents of nine children: Catherine, Mary, Peter, George, John, Anthony, Barbara, Philip and Christine.

Peter Roos received his education in the public schools of Mahanoy City. He was only a boy when he began picking slate at the breaker, and he was thus employed until he reached the age of fourteen, when he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, following that occupation for some time. He then became employed at the Boston Run colliery, in the capacity of assistant foreman, continuing to hold that position for about ten years, until he came to Locust Gap to take the position of outside foreman at the Locust Spring colliery. Three hundred and fifty men and boys are employed at this colliery, and Mr. Roos's long service there attests his value as an intelligent and faithful overseer. He is familiar with all the details of successful mining in this section and a man to be relied upon to do his duty well.

In 1884 Mr. Roos married Elizabeth Becker, daughter of Mathias Becker, a Frenchman, and seven children have been born to them, namely: George, Barbara, Mary, Lena, Christiana, Elizabeth and Catherine. Mr. Roos is a member of the Catholic Church. He does not adhere to any political party, voting independently, as public questions and candidates appeal to him. He is one of the most esteemed residents of Locust Gap, a citizen whose influence is considerable and always exerted in favor of the most worthy objects.

HARRY F. CONRAD, one of the younger merchants of Sunbury doing a thriving business there, was born April 21, 1882, in Penn township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Aaron A. Conrad. He comes of a family which has been identified with this part of Northumberland county for several generations. Jacob and Adam Conrad are shown by the records to have been taxables in Augusta township in 1774. In the early accounts of the Conrads we find that John Conrad, the great-grandfather of Harry F. Conrad, owned a farm of some four hundred acres east of Sunbury. This John Conrad, born March 18, 1777, died June 11, 1839. He married Julia Cooper, and they had children as follows: Daniel married a Miss Wolfe; William married Susan Huey and (second) a Mr. Bartholomew, and had a son George; Eli married Polly Gerlinger; George married Esther Reeser;





Julia Ann married Henry Gass and had William, Jacob, George, Maria, Susan, Louise and Harriet; Kate married Mr. Cooper; Sarah married Charles Gehrlinger; Anna Maria married Decadon Herb and had Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decadon (married Mrs. Maria Dietrich) and Samuel; Susan married Samuel Herb.

George Conrad, son of John, born Aug. 26, 1808, died May 17, 1877. He owned a large farm, comprising some two hundred and fifty acres, upon which what is now the eastern portion of Sunbury is built. He married Esther Reeser, born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886, and they became the parents of the following children: Catharine married Albert Buckley and had four children, Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie; William died young; Harriet married Philip Eckman and had a daughter Esther; Henry married Sophia Fasold; Aaron A. is mentioned below; Gideon was the next in the family; Silas married Ellen Clark.

Aaron A. Conrad, son of George, was born May 9, 1852, in Upper Augusta township, and received his education there in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, but has not been engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1877 he engaged in merchandising in that part of Upper Augusta township which later became East Sunbury, and is now included within the limits of the borough of Sunbury, his store being located at the southeast corner of Tenth and Market streets. There he did business until 1880, when he moved to Penn township, Snyder county, and became interested in milling. In May, 1886, he moved to Selinsgrove, this county, where he has since made his home. For some time he carried on a general gristmilling business at an old mill locally known in the earlier days as Snyder's mill, and later as Conrad's mill; the establishment is over one hundred years old, and is one of the landmarks of Lower Augusta township. For eight years Mr. Conrad did an extensive business shipping fruit to New York, Pittsburg and the West, in the fall season. He is now living retired. Successful and energetic in his business undertakings, he has also been active and useful in his relations to the community, having served as school director six years, during which time he was president of the board four years and treasurer one year; as street commissioner one year, and as assessor three years, in spite of the fact that he was a Democrat in a Republican stronghold. He has been prominent in local fraternal organizations, having been first president of Washington Camp No. 736, P. O. S. of A., of Selinsgrove (he has passed through all the chairs); and is a past grand of Selinsgrove Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F., and active in the work of that body. He served fourteen years

as a trustee of the Reformed Church of which he and his family are members.

On Dec. 10, 1877, Mr. Conrad married Mary E. Weis, daughter of Urias and Sarah (Duke) Weis, farming people of Washington township, Snyder county, and they have had two children, Roberta (who lives with her parents) and Harry F. In March, 1911, Mr. Aaron A. Conrad returned to Sunbury, where he now makes his home.

Harry F. Conrad received a public school education at Selinsgrove, and during his earlier years took an active part in local athletic affairs. When he started out for himself he became a traveling salesman for the Witman, Schwartz Company, wholesale grocers of Harrisburg, Pa., in whose employ he continued for six years, from June 17, 1904, to May 1, 1910, his territory being in Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Bedford counties. Meantime, he had gained considerable familiarity with the trade and wide experience, so that when he started in the business on his own account it was not as a novice. On May 4, 1910, he purchased the stock, good will and fixtures of J. F. Berlew, a grocer located at the corner of Market and Tenth streets, Sunbury, and there he has since been established in business, handling a complete line of fancy groceries and fresh meats. He employs four clerks, and has a large trade, making deliveries all over the town. Personally Mr. Conrad has a high reputation, and he has every prospect of making a substantial place for himself among the prosperous business men of the borough.

On Sept. 10, 1905, Mr. Conrad married Anna M. Miller, daughter of Joseph A. and Mary J. (Fry) Miller, of Lewistown, Pa. They have one son, Joseph Miller Conrad. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are members of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM PHILIPPI, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has made his home in that city ever since he came to this country from his native Germany, and he has conducted his present bakery since 1901. His home and place of business are at the corner of Sunbury and Pearl streets.

Mr. Philippi was born Sept. 3, 1867, at Rheinbusch, Neunkirchen, Germany, son of Nicholas Philippi, who for many years was the postmaster at Neunkirchen, where he died. William Philippi learned the trade of baker in his native country. He came to America in 1891, landing at Philadelphia June 3rd of that year. After six weeks in that city he proceeded to Pottsville, Pa., where he remained three weeks, in September, 1891, arriving at Shamokin, which has since been his home. Not finding employment at his trade immediately, he went to mining, which occupation he followed for three years before he commenced baking again. By 1901 he was in shape to go into business on





his own account and he established the bakery at Sunbury and Pearl streets which he has since conducted. His thrift and thorough understanding of the business have brought him deserved prosperity and held a large and increasing patronage. In 1908 he built the fine home at Sunbury and Pearl streets which he and his family now occupy, a two-story brick house 25 by 50 feet in dimensions. The bake house is on the rear of the lot.

On Nov. 3, 1903, Mr. Philippi married Mrs. Sarah A. (Markle) Tretter, daughter of Martin Markle, a prominent citizen of Shamokin, and widow of Charles Tretter, who died in 1894; he was a jeweler by trade. By her first marriage Mrs. Philippi had three children, namely: Ferdinand M., who lives in Schuylkill county; Lena A., at home; and Catharine, who died in infancy. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Philippi. The family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

**FRANKLIN A. BERGSTRESSER**, of Locust Gap, Northumberland county, who is engaged as machinist at the Locust Spring colliery, was born Aug. 3, 1866, at Shamokin, this county, son of Asa Bergstresser, and comes of an old family which has long been established in eastern Pennsylvania.

John Jacob Bergstresser, his emigrant ancestor, was born in Germany, came to this country in 1731 and made his home in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Later, with his three brothers, he removed to Union county, where they were among the earliest settlers.

Philip Bergstresser, son of John Jacob, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and a pioneer in Snyder county, where he died.

John Bergstresser, son of Philip, was born Oct. 8, 1775, in Union county, and there made his home for a number of years. Eventually he removed to Dauphin county, Pa., where he died March 27, 1852. He was a millwright by trade and also ran several saw and grist mills, in 1817 building one at Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland county, which he operated successfully for nine years. He then removed to Berrysburg, Dauphin county, where he followed his trade in connection with farming until his death. He served as captain of a company of American volunteers in the war of 1812. He married Ann Auchmuty, and they had a family of ten children: Jacob, William, Mary (Mrs. Joseph Shipman), John, Lot, Phebe (Mrs. Jonathan Hoffman), Samuel A., Hannah (Mrs. Daniel Rumbarger), Asa and Julia (Mrs. A. B. Sprout), the last survivor of this family being Samuel A. Bergstresser.

Mrs. Ann (Auchmuty) Bergstresser was of Scotch Presbyterian stock. Her father, Samuel

Auchmuty, was born near Selinsgrove, Pa., and resided at Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland county, as early as 1772. He passed all his life in that neighborhood, living in Northumberland county until his death. He served four years on the Colonial side in the Revolution, from 1776 to 1781, being a private in Capt. Stephen Chambers' company of the 12th regiment; was transferred to the 3d Regiment in July, 1778, and was discharged Jan. 25, 1781. He was at Valley Forge, at the battles of Monmouth, Long Island and Germantown, and saw other service under Washington. He married Ann McMahan.

Asa Bergstresser, son of John and Ann (Auchmuty) Bergstresser, was a tanner by trade, but upon locating in Shamokin, this county, engaged in the butcher business. He was killed on the railroad, at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, in May, 1899, when sixty-nine years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Rehr, died in Shamokin in 1892. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Dora, now the wife of William Roth; Lena, married to James Getter; Mary, married to William Haupt; Jennie, married to William Simmers; Minerva, married to William Seitz; Lillie, married to Jacob Conrad; Clara, who died young; Franklin A.; William; Charles, and John.

Franklin A. Bergstresser was but three years old when taken by his parents to Helfenstein, Schuylkill county, where he attended public school. When ten years old he began picking slate at the Helfenstein colliery, and in 1881 he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he began as a slate picker at the Locust Spring colliery. In time he became breaker oiler and then fireman and running engineer, later acting as assistant foreman at the breaker for two years. In 1900 he took his present position at the Locust Spring colliery, where he has charge of the mechanical department, having eight men under him. His work is responsible, and he has been efficient in every respect and found reliable under all circumstances, having the good-will and respect of his employers and those associated with him in his work. He is one of the best known men in this district.

On Aug. 26, 1887, Mr. Bergstresser married Ida May Klinger, daughter of George A. and Janie (Sharp) Klinger, and they have three children, Grace E., Gertrude I. and Jennie M. Mr. Bergstresser is a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F. (also Rebekah degree) and Royal Arcanum.

**JOHN A. GRAY**, track foreman of Division No. 16 on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, at Milton, Pa., and one of the substantial men of the borough, was born in Lewis township, Northumberland county, Sept. 20, 1866, son of Fred-



erick Gray, and great-great-grandson of Robert Gray, an English emigrant.

Robert Gray came from England in Colonial times with his wife, Mary Reese, and settled on a farm near Jerseytown, Pa. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he joined Washington's army and fought with the Colonies in freedom's cause.

Lieut. Samuel Gray, son of Robert, was born in Montour county, Pa., in 1792. He was a Whig in political faith, and his patriotism was evidenced by his service as an officer in the second war with the mother country in 1812, he being stationed at Black Rock. He was a noted contractor and the canal between Watsonstown and Dewart, Pa., was constructed by him. He also engaged in teaming. His death was caused by accident June 4, 1831, he falling under the wheels of a wagon, while driving a six-horse team. His wife, Isabella Watson, born Nov. 11, 1800, died Sept. 5, 1863. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church. Her parents, John L. and Elizabeth (Mann) Watson, came from Dublin, Ireland, at an early day and located in Columbia county, Pa., on a farm. They were staunch patriots in the Revolution, and John Watson was taken prisoner by the British on account of his sentiments, and chained to the floor. His wife rescued him, her devotion, no less than a regard for her physical weakness, touching the hearts of the guards and her plans were not interfered with. Lieut. Samuel Gray and wife had seven children: Joseph H., born Jan. 4, 1818; died in August, 1876; John G., Dec. 12, 1820, Feb. 2, 1861; Catherine, Oct. 22, 1822, in 1856 (married Samuel Gray, a relative); Robert, Oct. 5, 1824, May 9, 1848; Mary Y., July 8, 1827, in March, 1880 (married William Kissner, deceased); Phoebe, March 28, 1829, in 1871 (married Jesse Hill, a farmer in Montour county); and Samuel Russell, March 24, 1831.

John G. Gray, born Dec. 12, 1820, son of Lieut. Samuel, died Feb. 2, 1861. His early days were passed in the home in Lewis township, Northumberland county, but later he removed to Danville, where his death occurred. He followed farming in Montour county. He married Phoebe Walizer, for his first wife, and the children born to this union were: Samuel, Frederick, Isabella, John and George. He married (second) Mrs. Lottie Colwell, and three children, Stephen, Phoebe and Jane, blessed this marriage.

Frederick Gray, son of John G., was born in August, 1844, and now lives near Watsontown, Pa., in what is known as the Thomas addition. For many years he was employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad as trackman, and in 1890 was retired from active work. He gave twenty months' of service to his country in the Civil war in Rickett's Battalion, Pennsylvania Light Artillery.

He married Sarah Iches, daughter of Samuel Iches, and their children were: John A.; William R.; Catharine, who died in infancy; Ellen, who married Daniel Nicholls; Frederick, who died young; Ida, who married Charles Linn; Mary, who married Harry McDonland; James, who died young; Samuel; Henry; Alice, who married Charles Newton; Maude, who married Charles Miller; Bessie; and Pearl, who married George Brown.

John A. Gray attended the school at Black Hole Valley, near Muncie, Pa., and the Rising Spring public school and the Spring Mills high school in Center county for two summers and three winters. During the summers when not in school he worked on the track, and this has always been his business. He began training for it at the age of fourteen, and was but eighteen when he was made foreman of sub-division No. 7, with five and one-half miles of track in his care. His present division, No. 76, which he has had since 1899, has three miles of track. He has from twelve to twenty men under him. Mr. Gray has been careful of his resources, and he is the owner of two fine farms, one the old Fetzer farm of seventy-five acres in Chillisquaque township, and the other the 140 acre farm in Lewis township that formerly belonged to his great uncle, Samuel R. Gray.

Mr. Gray married Catharine Zettle, daughter of Emanuel Zettle, of Spring Mills, Center county, and they have become the parents of children as follows: Frederick E., a member of the class of 1912 Pennsylvania State College; Mary R.; Sarah; John A., Jr.; Harry, who died aged six months, and Edna M. The family home is at No. 27 Railroad avenue, Milton. Fraternally Mr. Gray is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Gray has been faithful in the performance of his duty, and has won the high regard of the officials over him. In every relation of life he has proved his worth, and he has the well earned esteem of the people of Milton and Northumberland county.

HENRY B. MEYER, a blacksmith of Shamokin, where he has established a profitable business, has resided in the borough since 1876, but he is a native of Schuylkill county and comes of a family which was established there by his grandfather, John Meyer.

John Meyer came from Germany with his family and settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade for many years, later engaging in the dairy business, selling milk and yeast. A well known man of his day, he had many friends. His children were: Conrad, Catharine, Martin and Louis.

Conrad Meyer, son of John, was the father of Henry B. Meyer. He was born in Germany in 1827 and was seven years old when brought to America. After beginning work he followed min-





ing for some time, and later was engaged in different kinds of mechanical work, following the trades of carpenter, stonemason and clockmaker. He made his home at Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he died Feb. 1, 1908, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, Wilhelmina (Fient), came to America from Germany when eighteen years old, and they had children as follows: Kate, Sophia, John (who died when thirteen years old), Henry B., Richard (who died Jan. 1, 1910), Mary, Elizabeth, Thressie (who died aged eight years), and Minnie.

Henry B. Meyer was born Sept. 17, 1857, at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and there attended the public schools. He began work as a slate picker, and continued to follow mining until he reached the age of nineteen, since which time he has been engaged at blacksmithing. Coming to Shamokin in 1876, he was with the late J. B. Zimmerman for the long period of twenty-four years, four months, until, in 1901, he commenced business on his own account. His shop is at No. 13 East Walnut street. Mr. Meyer is a fine mechanic, as his long continuance with one employer would indicate, and he does a thriving business, getting a gratifying share of the patronage in his locality. He is conscientious and honorable in his work, a fact which holds his customers.

On Aug. 18, 1880, Mr. Meyer married Ida H. Lott, daughter of John T. and Delilah (Hopper) Lott, and a member of a well known Northumberland county family. They have a fine home at No. 547 North Sixth street. Mr. Meyer holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

JOHN H. GLASS, county detective of Northumberland county, was born Jan. 17, 1882, in Coal township, son of Samuel Glass. His father was a native of County Meath, Ireland, born in 1838, and came to America when nineteen years old, settling in Shamokin, Pa., where he made a permanent home. He worked as a miner, in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, being thus engaged for thirty years, and was known to all as an industrious, upright citizen. He died April 4, 1902, and is buried at Shamokin. Samuel Glass married Maria Richards, a native of Wales, who came to America in girlhood. She now makes her home with her son Richard in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. Glass were born children as follows: John (deceased), Richard (deceased), Samuel, Reese, William, John H. and George.

John H. Glass attended public school in Shamokin and when a boy began work at the Buck Ridge colliery, picking slate. He was thus engaged for a period of three years, after which he drove team in the mines for two years and then cut coal for two years. For another two years he ran

pumps and an engine, this being his last work at the mines. Becoming proprietor of the "White Hotel," located at No. 417 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, he conducted it until 1907. In 1908 he was appointed county detective by District Attorney A. K. Deibler, and he has served in that capacity since, with great efficiency, discharging the duties of his office intelligently and faithfully. His first duties in this incumbency took him among the "Black Hand" offenders at Marion Heights, in this county, and he has made many important arrests, leading to conviction, in that and other fields.

On Aug. 31, 1901, Mr. Glass married Gertrude Irene Shroyer, who was born at Dalmatia in 1884, daughter of Jacob and Bena Shroyer, and died April 4, 1907, leaving two sons, Robert and John, who are living with their uncle Reese in Philadelphia.

Socially Mr. Glass unites with the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Shamokin Lodge), and in religion he is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is quite prominent in the Republican party and he has served as committeeman from the Second ward. He is a well known athlete and was one of the star players on the old Shamokin football team.

MICHAEL J. WHALEN, inside foreman at the Locust Gap colliery, has been a miner all his life, and his father and grandfather before him were also engaged at mining in this region.

Michael Whalen, the grandfather, came from Ireland when a young man and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., at "Black Sam's" farm, near New Philadelphia, about one and a half miles from Middleport. He followed mining and became a well known man of his day, serving as tax collector of his district. He was a Democrat in politics. He died at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, at the home of his youngest son, John F. Whalen, Esq. He and his wife had a family of six children: Patrick, Joseph, Thomas, Michael, Mary and John F.

Michael Whalen, father of Michael J. Whalen, was born in Schuylkill county, and died there in 1891. He was engaged as engineer at different collieries, and in 1863 came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, but later returned to Schuylkill county, locating at Mahanoy City. His death occurred two miles east of Shenandoah. He married Dora Glenning, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Patrick Glenning, and came to America when five years old. She died Oct. 5, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen had children as follows: Michael J., Bridget, Mary A. (Mrs. John O'Brien), John, Andrew, Joseph and Thomas.

Michael J. Whalen was born Aug. 29, 1862, at Silvercreek, Schuylkill county, and received his schooling in his native county. At the age of nine he began picking slate at the breaker, doing





such work until he reached the age of fourteen, after which he was employed at the mines in different capacities. When seventeen years old he had charge of the sinking of the Greenridge slope, No. 2. He was engaged as a miner until 1885, when he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, there following mining. In July, 1897, he came to Locust Gap to take the position he has since held, inside foreman at the Locust Gap colliery. He was foreman at the Marion colliery for two years, 1897-99, prior to his removal to Locust Gap. Mr. Whalen has charge of three hundred and fifty men, among whom he is respected and well liked, and he is favorably known in the community where he has so long made his home.

On Aug. 24, 1880, Mr. Whalen married Alice Debo, daughter of Peter Debo, who was of French ancestry. Thirteen children have been born to this union, four of whom died young. The survivors are: Rev. William (priest, who was ordained in 1911), Dora, Joseph, Andrew, Albert, Thomas, Helen, Michael and John.

Mr. Whalen is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the Knights of Columbus. He is independent in politics.

GEORGE W. HAAG, deceased, was in the employ of what is now the American Car & Foundry Company, of Milton, for over thirty-six years, having entered the establishment when a young man. He was in charge of the air brake department (of which he was the head, at the time of his death) before the present company assumed ownership of the plant. He was a skilled mechanic, a master in his line, as his long continuance in a responsible capacity with one place proves.

Hans Haag, the progenitor of this family in America, came to this country prior to 1734, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he paid tax and quit rent in 1734. In 1759 he was still a taxpayer, his assessment then being eleven pounds. At the same time Andreas Haag was a taxable, paying twenty pounds, and when the Maxatawny Church at Bowers was built, in 1759, he gave one acre of land to the church to be used, as he said in the deed, "as long as the sun and moon shines." The latter's son, Andrew Haag, also contributed to the church; he was then a young man. He was the father of John, grandfather of George W. Haag.

John Haag, son of Andrew, was born near Bowers, in Berks county, Feb. 12, 1794. In 1836 he moved to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he purchased a farm of 160 acres from the Kelechner estate. There he made his home and followed farming until his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1861. He married Mary Knauss, also of Berks county, born Jan. 21, 1795, who died March 21, 1869. Mr. and Mrs.

Haag were members of the Paradise Lutheran Church, of Turbut township, and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Seven children were born to them: John; Catharine (deceased); Beneville K.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacoby Hartman, deceased; Rebecca, who married William Balliet and lived in Montour county; Hettie, who married William Gouger and also lived in Montour county; and Sarah, deceased.

John Haag, eldest son of John, was born in Berks county March 20, 1814, and came to Northumberland county with his father. He, too, followed farming, upon the death of his father purchasing the old homestead, which he cultivated. He was a prominent Democrat in his day, and served many years on the local school board, part of the time as treasurer of that body. In 1874 he was elected county treasurer, in which office he served one term, until 1876. Mr. Haag married Margaret Leinbach, born Feb. 7, 1820, who died May 2, 1892, surviving Mr. Haag a number of years; his death occurred Dec. 12, 1876. They were members of the Lutheran Church at Paradise and are buried at the Paradise cemetery. Eight children were born to their union: Mary E. married Franklin Hoy; Sarah J. married John Baker; Susan married William Kummerer; Margaret E. married Jacob Seidell; George W. is mentioned below; John; B. Franklin lives in Kansas; E. Newton is an attorney in Philadelphia.

George W. Haag was born June 16, 1842, and was a pupil in the public schools of Turbut township in his early boyhood, later attending the McEwensville Academy and also the Milton Academy. He worked on his father's farm until 1873, at which time he came to Milton and entered upon his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which proved to be his life work. He began his employment at this line with Murray, Dougal & Co., and when the plant was sold to the American Car & Foundry Company, its present owners, he continued in charge of the air-brake department, in which capacity he was engaged until his death.

During the Civil war Mr. Haag served in the Union army as a member of Company B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was twice wounded, being shot in the breast and side at the battle of Fredericksburg; he was taken to Point Lookout hospital. He was a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., of Milton, and of the Royal Arcanum at Milton. Mr. Haag died Aug. 27, 1910, and was buried at the upper cemetery, Milton, Pa.

On Dec. 8, 1864, Mr. Haag married Susan Leinbach, daughter of John B. Leinbach, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, and they were the parents of two children: George W., who married Rae Mervine (she died Aug. 23, 1907, leaving one son Burritt); and Margaret, at home. Mrs. Haag and her children are members of the Re-



formed Church at Milton, but Mr. Haag held membership in the Lutheran Church.

JOHN B. LEINBACH, father of Mrs. George W. Haag, was born Sept. 9, 1815, in Northumberland county, and his family was also settled in Berks county from an early day. His grandfather, Henry Leinbach, a native of Berks county, came to Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1800, and purchased a farm. Henry Leinbach, son of Henry, was born Oct. 5, 1784, and died Feb. 7, 1829. He married Mary Barnhart, born March 15, 1789, who died Sept. 30, 1846. They reared a family of eight children: Daniel, Henry, John B., Benneville, Sarah (married George Hittle), Mary (married F. H. Carver), Elizabeth (married Simon Cameron) and Rebecca (married C. Sworney).

John B. Leinbach was a prominent man of his day in Lewis township, where he engaged in farming until 1861, when he was appointed agent for the American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, holding that position five years. In 1867 he became manager of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the central part of Pennsylvania, continuing in that capacity also for five years, until in 1872 he became agent for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company. He was a stanch Democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to the church at McEwensville.

On Oct. 2, 1858, Mr. Leinbach married Mary Dunkel, and to them were born the following named children: Fannie; Elizabeth, who married S. S. Alexander; Susan, wife of George W. Haag; Sarah, wife of J. P. Dentler; John F.; Calvin R., of Kansas; Mary, wife of P. E. Maus; Gertrude, Mrs. Frauntz; and Oliver, who married Jennie Smith.

Beneville K. Haag, son of John and Mary (Knauss) Haag, was born in Berks county Jan. 9, 1817. He received his education in the subscription and public schools of his native county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county in 1836. By the time he had spent two years on the farm his father bought here he had attained his majority, and he began clerking in the general store of Geddes, Green & Walls, at McEwensville. He was employed there for four years, during which time he gained considerable valuable experience in that line, as a large business in grain as well as in general merchandise was done at the store. The grain was hauled to Port May, near Watontown, and shipped by canal. In 1842 Mr. Haag became clerk in a general store in Lewisburg, continuing there until 1847, when he came to Milton and formed a partnership with T. S. Mackey & Son under the name of Mackey & Haag, dealers in dry goods and hardware. In 1849 this firm was dissolved and Mr. Haag formed

a partnership with Montgomery Sweeney, with whom he did a general dry goods and grocery business for one year, under the name of Sweeney & Haag. His next association was as senior member of the firm of Haag & Caldwell, which lasted one year, at the end of which time the stock was divided, Mr. Haag taking the stand on what is now the site of the Milton Bank. In 1853 he established the firm of Haag & Brown, dealers in hardware and books, which did business until 1857, when he took entire control, continuing the business for many years. In time his son-in-law, John Buoy, became a partner in the concern. In 1863 Mr. Haag purchased a lot on Front street from Elizabeth Miller, and in 1865 he erected a building on that property. In 1875 this block was burned, but he at once rebuilt it and continued the business. In the disastrous fire of May 14, 1880, which swept nearly all the business district of Milton, Mr. Haag's stores were again destroyed. He began rebuilding immediately, putting up the block now owned by his son-in-law, John Buoy. After this fire Mr. Haag invested in a number of lots on Front street, south of his business block, and on his newly acquired land put up other business places. In 1889 he erected the "Haag Hotel," now known as "The Milton," which was opened to the public April 1, 1890. This is still the largest building in Milton and one of the finest hotel buildings in the city. Mr. Haag was a director of the National Bank of Milton from 1865 to 1875.

On Feb. 20, 1852, Mr. Haag married Sarah Schuck, who was born July 19, 1821, in Union county, Pa., daughter of Philip and Catherine (Diebert) Schuck. Six children were born to this union: William A., deceased; Mary E., who married John Buoy; Charles H., deceased; Sallie, deceased; Thomas T.; and Hettie, wife of C. A. Chapin.

While at McEwensville Mr. Haag was postmaster, and he was also a trustee of the academy. After the great fire of 1880, in Milton, he was appointed a member of the distributing committee which handled the relief funds.

ARTHUR B. WETZEL, senior member of the firm of Wetzel & Gass, electrical contractors and dealers of Sunbury, is a young man of enterprise and energy, and by hard work has won a substantial place in local business circles. He was born in Sunbury July 11, 1883, and received his education there, leaving high school just two months before his class graduated to engage in business. He served his apprenticeship to the electrical business in Sunbury and Shamokin, and for a brief period was also employed by the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing Company at Pittsburg. He has been in business for himself from a comparatively early age, and the firm of





Wetzel & Gass are the leading contractors in their line in Sunbury, where they have built up a large trade. They have equipped many important structures in and around the borough, including the Northumberland county jail, the courthouse, the Mary M. Packer hospital, the Hooven Mercantile Company's building, the plant of the Sunbury Ice Company, the Clemmer building, the "Aldine Hotel," the Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the "Neff House," the Burial Case Company's building, the William H. Rohrbach mansion, the Blank & Gottshall mill, the Rohrbach school building, the Francis E. Drumheller school building, the J. C. Packer residence and No. 1 engine house, all in Sunbury; as well as the Milton Realty Company's building, at Milton, this county. Four regular men are employed besides the two members of the firm, both of whom bear high reputations as skilled electricians. Wetzel & Gass also deal in electrical supplies, their store at No. 441 Market street, Sunbury, having the largest and most complete line of such goods to be found in Northumberland county. Their reliable work, up-to-date in every particular and bearing the tests of time well, has won them the extensive patronage they now enjoy.

Mr. Wetzel is a member of B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 267, and in religion is identified with the Episcopal Church, of which he is a communicant. On Thanksgiving Day, 1906, he married Elizabeth Downs, daughter of Joseph O. Downs, of Sunbury.

Jacob Wetzel, of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., made his will May 8, 1785, and it was probated Nov. 9, 1785. This document mentions his wife Worthy Maria, and shows the oldest son to have been Jacob. To the son Conrad was given the large Baseler Bible. The children were: Jacob, Johannes, George, Philip, Catarina, Peter, Heinrich, Conrad and Marialiss.

Jonathan Wetzel, born in 1801, was a farmer and lived near New Berlin, Snyder Co., Pa.; he is buried at the New Berlin Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. To him and his wife, Esther Hoffman, were born children as follows: Jonathan, who was killed while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel, Solomon and William, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil war; David; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Wenner; Hannah, wife of John Gilbert; and Polly, wife of Emanuel Haslett.

David Wetzel, son of Jonathan, born March 3, 1838, in Union County, Pa., was engaged as a farmer for many years during his earlier life, until his removal to Middleburg, Pa., in about 1893. Previous to that time he had several good farms in Jackson township, Snyder county, and he still owns a considerable amount of real estate. For more than a quarter of a century he has been agent

for several fire insurance companies. Mr. Wetzel married Elizabeth Spangler, daughter of Elias Spangler, and they have had eight children: Calvin, Harry, Jennie, Elsie, Clayton, Eva May and Olive Rae (widow of Dr. Charles Woodruff), twins, and Vincent. Mr. Wetzel and his family are Lutherans in religious matters.

James Wetzel was born in March, 1832, in Lower Augusta township, was engaged as a laborer, and died July 27, 1909, at Sunbury. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow, Lavina (Clement), daughter of Peter Clement, lives in Sunbury with her son Edwin. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel had a large family, viz.: Frank is deceased; Amanda, Cornelius and Hannah died when small; one daughter died in infancy; Nathan, born July 14, 1857, at Fisher's Ferry, came to Sunbury in June, 1873, and since 1877 has worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and is a member of the Relief Association (on Dec. 9, 1878, he married Katie Eyster, daughter of Conrad Eyster, and they have five children, Daisy, Harry, Lillie, Alice and Walter; the family are Lutherans); William, of Sunbury, an electrician, is married and has a family; Edward, of Sunbury, is an electrician; Angeline married William Ray; Emma married William Mautz.

William R. Wetzel was born near Fisher's Ferry and is an old railroader, being now engaged as conductor on a freight train on the Susquehanna division. He married Mary Thomas, and they have an only son. The family live at No. 233 Spruce street, Sunbury.

JOHN W. SCHABO, fire boss at the Excelsior colliery, operated by the Excelsior Coal Company, of Excelsior, Northumberland county, has been in the employ of that company for a number of years and is one of the substantial and respected citizens of his locality.

Mr. Schabo was born at his parents' old home in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 29, 1864, son of John Schabo, now a retired citizen of Shamokin, Northumberland county, ex-county treasurer, and otherwise well known in this section. He came to Shamokin with his father and began work as a slate picker, later being employed at mining. He then supplemented his early education by study at St. Vincent's College, which is situated at Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa., graduating from that institution in 1882. Returning to Shamokin, he was engaged in the shoe business for some time, and then for seven years was an employee of the Shamokin & Edgewood Railway Company. He has since been employed at the collieries.

On May 6, 1886, Mr. Schabo married E. Armbuster, daughter of Edward Armbuster, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and of the two children born





to them one is living, John Edward, who is foreman for the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, is married to May Hower and has two children, Tryllis and Rea. The other, Harry, is deceased.

Mr. Schabo is a Democrat and has been somewhat active in local party matters, having served on the election board for about fifteen years. He is at present acting as councilman of his ward, the Third. Like the rest of the family he is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church of Shamokin, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the C. K. of F.

WILLIAM J. LINDER has been brewmaster at the Eagle Run Brewery in Shamokin for several years and is a man well known in his line all over the United States. He has increased the output of the plant with which he is now connected materially by his improvements in the quality of the product.

Mr. Linder was born at Baden, on the Rhine, Germany, Oct. 4, 1873. His father Adolph Linder was also a native of Baden and became a civil engineer. Coming to America in 1880 he settled in New York City, where for a number of years he was engaged in contracting and building, doing the frame work on buildings. In 1886 he bought out the bottling business of the Star Brewery in New York City and also became a member of the firm of the Star Brewery, continuing in this connection until 1892. He has since had no active business associations. He married Mary A. Gerold, and they had children as follows: Anna, Charles, Adolph, Theodore, Eugene, Annial and William J.

William J. Linder was a child when he came with his father to America. He received a public school education, and has been engaged at the brewing business from boyhood, having begun work in that line Aug. 15, 1889, at the Star Brewery in New York City. He began at the bottom and learned the trade thoroughly, and after leaving the Star Brewery enlarged his experience by service with various other establishments, being in the George R. Alley Brewery for two years and later in the Atlantic City Brewery for two years. While at the latter place he made a special brew of Würzburger which was very successful. For a year after leaving the Atlantic City Brewing Company he was with Jacob Hornung, in Philadelphia, and then spent short periods in various cities, getting different breweries in satisfactory running order. In February, 1907, he came to Shamokin to take the place of brewmaster at the Eagle Run Brewery, which he has improved in many ways by his progressive and intelligent methods of manufacture, its output having an excellent reputation in the locality, where the demand has widened considerably within the past few years. Mr. Linder has always been a scientific brewer,

familiar with the most approved and up-to-date processes in the production of beer, and encouraging the various movements which have been made to place its manufacture on the basis which modern hygiene demands. He is a member of the Brewmasters' Association and was one of the seventeen charter members of the American Brewing Institute.

Mr. Linder married Amelia Utgen, a native of Germany, and they have two children, Helen and Catherine.

Socially Mr. Linder holds membership in the I. O. O. F. He is a baseball player of some note, having played with some of the strong teams while in New York City.

ALEXANDER LONG, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is one of the old and respected residents of that place, where he is living in retirement after many years of industry. He followed mining throughout his active years after coming to this country.

Mr. Long is a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born Aug. 15, 1842. His father, Charles Long, was foreman in a slate quarry in Ireland and also had a farm of forty acres which he cultivated, being thus in quite prosperous circumstances. He and his wife, Margaret (Boyd), lived to advanced age, he dying when eighty-eight years old and Mrs. Long when one hundred and one. Their children were: Charles (who died in Canada), Abraham, James, Anna, Catherine, Amelia, Margaret, Alexander, Jane and Susan.

Alexander Long was reared in his native country, remaining there until after his marriage. He was twenty-one when he came to America with his wife and young family, landing in New York City. Their first location was in Carbon county, Pa., and Mr. Long also spent some time in Chester county and at Pittsburg before settling in Shamokin, in 1871. Here he followed mining for twenty-five years, until he met with a serious accident, in 1906, which incapacitated him for the work in which he had been engaged; from that time until his retirement he was employed at other work in the colliery.

Mr. Long was married in Ireland to Jane Love, a native of that country, who died Dec. 31, 1909, aged seventy-three years, at Shamokin, and is buried there. They had a family of seven children, namely: Charles L., assistant road foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, is now located at West Milton, Pa., and is well known at Shamokin, which he still calls home; Maggie is the wife of William Metz; Patrick, born in 1868, a skilled well and shot driller, died March 4, 1909, and his widow and family still reside at Shamokin (he married Jennie Thompson, and they had three children, Alexander, Charles and Jennie); James is a conductor on the Pennsylvania



railroad; Mary married Draper Lewis; John is fireman at the "Windsor Hotel," Philadelphia, Pa.; Annie married William W. Smith.

Mr. Long is a member of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

GEORGE KLINGER, engineer at the Locust Spring colliery, at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, this county, was born Dec. 4, 1872, at Mount Carmel, and has passed practically all his life at Locust Gap, having come to this place when but four years old. He belongs to a branch of the Klinger family now numerous represented in Schuylkill and adjoining counties.

The ancestors of the Klinger family in America emigrated from Holland. Alexander Klinger sailed in the ship "Albany," Robert Brown, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 2, 1749. He settled in Reading, Berks county, and was in the first list of taxables on record of Reading, 1759. His name also appears in the first United States census of Reading, taken in 1790. He was a real estate owner in the city of Reading, as appears by patents taken for lots in 1753. He served as a private in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Conrad Shirman's company, of Berks county volunteers. He died in the city of Reading in April, 1802. His son George Adam Klinger had previously settled in Mahantango, which at that time still was territory of Berks county.

The great-grandfather of George Klinger lived in Dauphin county, Pa., and followed farming. He died upon his farm near Klinger's Church. His children were: Andrew; William, who died in Dauphin county, and Daniel, who died at Seven Points, Northumberland county.

Andrew Klinger, grandfather of George Klinger, was born in 1801 in Dauphin county, and coming to Northumberland county was here engaged in mining for many years, being a boss at Shamokin, Mount Carmel and Locust Gap. He died at Mount Carmel in 1866. His wife, Mary (Helwich), died in Shamokin, and they were the parents of eight children, namely: Catherine married William Starr; John died in Mount Carmel; Sarah married John Kleiser; Reuben died in Mount Carmel (he was a soldier in the Civil war); George A. is mentioned below; Mary died unmarried; Bella married Daniel Delcamp; William was killed while serving in the Civil war.

George A. Klinger, son of Andrew, was born in Dauphin county, June 21, 1841, at the lower end of Deep Creek Valley, near Klingerstown, and was only two years old when brought by his parents to Shamokin. He began working in the mines when a boy, being first employed at the "Water Gap," now the Cameron colliery. He also followed mining at Mount Carmel, in 1875 coming to Locust Gap, where he has since been engaged. In 1903

he was made assistant foreman of a gang of men outside, which position he still holds at the Locust Spring colliery. During the Civil war Mr. Klinger was in the Union army, enlisting at Ashland in Company G, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and receiving his discharge at Harrisburg. He was in the service nine months, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

Mr. Klinger married Jane Sharp, daughter of John Sharp, and to them have been born children as follows: A daughter that died in infancy; Emma, now Mrs. Abraham Morgan; George; John, who is an engineer; Thomas, a fireman; Ida M., wife of Frank A. Bergstresser; Bella; William, who died aged twenty-three years; Raymond; Hattie; Margaret, wife of August Zimmermann; and Albert, a teacher in Mount Carmel township.

George Klinger received his education in the public schools of Locust Gap, and began work like most boys around the mines, picking slate. He followed this for three years, after which he tended door inside and then drove inside. Later he was employed outside at the self-acting plant before he commenced firing. In 1900 he was promoted to engineer and has since been engaged as such, in his present position at the Locust Spring colliery. He is an industrious and efficient worker, respected as a good citizen and a man of excellent habits.

On June 1, 1899, Mr. Klinger married Clara Bergstresser, daughter of William Bergstresser, of Helfenstein, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have a family of five children: Hazel, Clayton, Alfred, Catherine and Jennie.

Mr. Klinger is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F., and of Washington Camp No. 116, P. O. S. of A., of Mount Carmel. He is a Methodist in religious connection, but has no political bonds, voting independently.

EBERHARD GROSS, one of the foremen at the Cameron colliery, where he has been stable boss since 1907, has been a resident of the borough of Shamokin since 1892, and with the exception of three years during which he was in the hotel business has been engaged in the mines ever since.

Mr. Gross is a native of Cologne, Germany, born July 31, 1857, son of Bertotele Gross, who followed farming in Germany, where he died in June, 1857. His wife, Anna Mary (Rosenthal), daughter of Broel Rosenthal, died in March, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years, and they are buried in the same churchyard. They were Catholics in religious faith. They had five children, as follows: John, who served in the Franco-German war of 1870-71, is still living in Germany; Anthony died in 1867 at the age of twenty-two years; Charles, who served in the Franco-German war, lives in Germany; Joseph is a resident of Germany (he





served in the German army); Eberhard is mentioned below.

Eberhard Gross attended the public schools and was reared upon a farm, also following mining during his early life. He served three years as a private in the German army, from 1877 to 1880. From that time until he came to America he followed farming and mining. Taking passage at Antwerp, he crossed to Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, landing June 29, 1891, and remained there for six months, after which he was in Massachusetts, working at the Davis mines, about five months before coming to Shamokin, in 1892. He went to work as a miner at the Cameron colliery for several years, and for three years, 1899 to 1901, was engaged in the hotel business as proprietor of the "Franklin House." He has since been employed at the Cameron colliery, where he was made stable boss in 1907. He is trustworthy and efficient, and has the confidence of his employers and the respect of his fellow workmen.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Gross married Lena Hafer, daughter of Henry and Annetta (Schmidt) Hafer, and they have become the parents of ten children, five of whom survive, namely: Mary A., wife of E. C. Keller; Joseph, superintendent for the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Frank, Herman and William, all at home. The deceased were Charles, Henry, Lena, John and Elizabeth. Mr. Gross has had his own home, at No. 817 East Commerce street, Shamokin, since 1905. The family are Catholics in religious faith, belonging to St. Edward's Church. Mr. Gross is a Democrat and interested in local party affairs, having served as committeeman of Shamokin.

JAMES H. McBRIDE, of Shamokin, has made his home in that borough since 1888. For a number of years after settling here he was employed at the collieries and since 1898 has been an employee of the Croninger Packing Company.

Mr. McBride was born May 9, 1863, at Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pa., son of James McBride and grandson of Michael McBride, a native of Ireland who came to America when a young man and settled at Paterson, N. J. Later he moved to Bridgeport, Conn., where he died. His family consisted of eight children, namely: James, Henry, John, Charles, Susan, Mary, Rosie and Sarah.

James McBride, son of Michael, was born at Paterson, N. J., and there spent his early life. He learned the trade of engineer and ran the first passenger train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; he was also the first to run a coal burner on the New York, New Haven & Hartford road. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, was a sergeant in the 2nd New Jersey Cavalry, and was promoted three times for gallantry. In 1866

he went to Florida, where he has since made his home. He had worked as stationary engineer for a number of years, and upon going to Florida became engineer on a vessel. His wife, Sarah (McGee), died in 1865 at Shamokin, Pa., the mother of three children: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Susan, wife of Fred Rock; and James H.

James H. McBride was only two years old when brought from Scranton to Northumberland county, and his mother dying when he was very young, he was reared by Solomon Klase, at Snyderstown, this county. He attended public school there at Snyderstown, and since 1888 he has made his home in Shamokin, where he first found employment as engineer at the collieries, continuing to work at the mines until 1898, when he took his present position with the Croninger Packing Company. He holds the responsible post of chief engineer. He is a reliable and industrious worker, and has the respect of employers and fellow employees.

On Dec. 22, 1888, Mr. McBride married Ida Rowe, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Jury) Rowe, of Lykens, Pa., and they have had three children: A daughter that died in infancy, Albert S. and Susan E. The family reside at No. 630 West Spruce street, Shamokin. Mr. McBride is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias, and in religious connection is a member of the Methodist Church.

WESLEY VAN GASKEN, a veteran of the Civil war now living retired at Shamokin, Northumberland county, was engaged for many years as a blacksmith in the collieries in this vicinity, and he is a son of Henry Van Gasken, who in his day was one of the best known men about the coal regions. He was born July 28, 1838, in Philadelphia, Pa., and belongs to a family which originated in Holland and which has been established in America from Colonial times. The emigrant ancestor came from Holland and landed at Lewes, Delaware.

John Van Gasken, Sr., and Sarah, his wife, are the first of the line of whom we have record. Their son John was born March 4, 1744, and their son Nicholas was born Sept. 10, 1760.

John Van Gasken, Jr., born March 4, 1744, was in his thirty-second year when the Revolution broke out and he must have known Caesar Rodney and many of the Delaware patriots, for he himself served in the war and was with Washington at the famous crossing of the Delaware. He married Susanna Hill, who was born Aug. 31, 1752, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Hill, and they had children as follows: (1) John, born Aug. 15, 1774, was married June 18, 1802, to Hannah Hill, and had children: Susanna, born June 15, 1805, and John, born Feb. 5, 1807. (2) Sarah was born Feb. 1, 1776.





(3) Thomas, born Sept. 29, 1778, died March 9, 1795. (4) Joseph was born March 11, 1781, died Jan. 24, 1828. He followed farming in Delaware.

He married (first) Ann Barnet, who was born March 15, 1786, daughter of Solomon and Rachel Barnet, and died in December, 1822. On March 8, 1823, he married (second) Rodie Morris. His children, all by the first union, were as follows: (1) Rachel, born Nov. 7, 1808, was over ninety when she died, and though in her advanced years both sight and hearing were impaired she continued to visit her children, unattended, traveling considerable distances by railroad, and like her brother John, who lived to advanced years, but not to such a great age as she attained, remained active and intelligent to the end. (2) John, born Nov. 12, 1809, died Sept. 19, 1811. (3) Henry is mentioned below. (4) William, born Dec. 18, 1813, died Dec. 28, 1813. (5) Sarah Ann, born Sept. 16, 1816, died Nov. 8, 1816. (6) Mary, born July 27, 1818, died Oct. 6, 1818. (7) John (2), born Aug. 1, 1820, died young. (8) Barnet, born Nov. 29, 1822, died Sept. 22, 1824.

Henry Van Gasken, father of Wesley Van Gasken, was born Aug. 24, 1811, in Delaware, and died Feb. 10, 1874. He followed contracting, in which he was engaged at various places, being located for a time at Detroit, Mich., returning later to Philadelphia. He was one of the "forty-niners" to go out to California, where he remained four years, working as a carpenter, in the course of which time and pursuit he put together the boat "Swan," which was built at Wilmington, Del., and shipped to California in sections. He became captain of this boat when it was put into service, running between Sacramento and San Francisco. Returning East, he located in Shamokin in 1852, and there took contracts in the building of the first collieries. He subsequently became superintendent of the Carbon Run colliery, now known as the Bear Valley colliery, and for a time was division superintendent of the Reading Coal & Iron Company, in the Shamokin District under Franklin B. Gowen, president, in these various capacities becoming widely known throughout the coal regions, and among all classes.

On July 24, 1834, Mr. Van Gasken married Mary Fearer, who was born June 13, 1815, in Philadelphia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fearer, and died Nov. 4, 1862. They were the parents of four children: Rachel, born July 12, 1836, who married Edward Farrell, of Sacramento, Cal.; Wesley; Henry Clay, born April 16, 1846; and Mary F., born Dec. 15, 1848, who married Frank Bowman, and (second) Frank Warren (both her husbands are deceased and she resides in Chicago, Illinois).

Wesley Van Gasken came to Shamokin with his father in boyhood and remained here until seven-

teen, when he went to Lancaster to learn the blacksmith's trade in the locomotive shop. After three years there he entered the Baldwin shops at Philadelphia, where he was employed at the time of his enlistment in April, 1861, for service in the Civil war, in Company D, 61st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served to the close of the struggle, with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in the battle of Gettysburg and many other important engagements. Though he saw hard service he himself escaped with only a flesh wound upon his left hand. Mr. Van Gasken was the only one of a large family to serve in the Civil war, and he has a record of which he may well be proud. He thinks it is the fighting blood he inherited from his Revolutionary ancestor, whom he honors for his patriotism, which induced him to go to the rescue of his country in the days of the Civil war.

At the end of the war Mr. Van Gasken returned to Pennsylvania, and settling at Shamokin followed his trade at the various collieries, continuing thus until his retirement, in 1890. In 1864 he married Nancy Lake, daughter of David N. and Sarah (Farrow) Lake, of Shamokin, the former of whom served many years as justice of the peace in that borough. Mr. and Mrs. Van Gasken had five children, all of whom married, and they have three great-grandchildren. Chantilly, their eldest child, married Elmer H. Price, of Shamokin, and has children: Nancy, Wesley, Edward, Dorothy and Sidney. Mary married Harry M. Dauser, now living at Providence, R. I., and they have two children, Frank and Harry. Harry, who died in Shamokin Dec. 16, 1909, at the age of thirty-nine years, married Cora S. Sweitzer and left two children, Milton and Rachel. Rachel is the wife of Sidney Yeager, resides in Norfolk, Va., and has two children, Carroll and Margaret. Sarah, wife of E. F. Harding, of Boston, Mass., has one daughter, Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Gasken reside at No. 9½ Commerce street, Shamokin. He is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., at Shamokin, and one of its past officers; in religious matters he is identified with the Presbyterian Church. An intelligent, respected citizen, he is a credit to his family and a substantial member of the community.

JAMES F. GORDON, inside foreman at the Locust Spring section at Locust Gap, this county, is one of the best known men of that place and a miner of fifty years' experience, having begun work at the breaker when but eight years of age. He worked his way up from the humblest position by faithful and efficient services, and has been engaged in his present capacity for the past ten years.

Mr. Gordon was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill



Co., Pa., in 1852, son of James Gordon. The father was born in Ireland and left that country for America when a young man, settling in Pottsville, Pa., where he lived for some time. He also lived at St. Clair, in the same county, and later removed to Ashland, where he died at the age of forty-five years. He was a miner by occupation. His wife, Anna Corcoran, was also a native of Ireland, and sixteen children were born to them, only five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Michael, Patrick, James F., Nellie and Sarah.

James F. Gordon attended school at St. Clair and Ashland, in his native county. He began picking slate at the breaker before he was eight years old, and was thus employed for two years, after which he went into the mines, in which he has found his life work. He was engaged in the mines at Ashland until he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, in 1896. Here he was fire boss for two years, the next two years acting as assistant inside foreman, and in 1900 becoming inside foreman, the duties of which position he has since filled. He has a most creditable record as a careful miner and a good manager, having 450 men to look after. Mr. Gordon is popular with his men and with his fellow citizens of all degrees in Locust Gap, respected for his industrious and useful life and as a typical representative of the reliable and trustworthy workers engaged in the foremost industry of this part of the State.

Mr. Gordon married Mary O'Hara, who was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Patrick O'Hara, and they have had six children; Anna, now the wife of John I. Carr; Thomas; Margaret, married to John J. Brodrick; Nellie; James; and Edward, who died when four years old. Mr. Gordon and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Holy Name Society. He is a Democrat in politics, and while a resident of Ashland served three years as a member of the borough council.

**RIVER CEMETERY**, Fisher's Ferry, Lower Augusta township. One of the earliest houses of worship in the territory now embraced in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, was located at Fisher's Ferry, Pa. At the upper railroad crossing immediately south of the public road stood a one-story log building 16x24 feet. The roof extended fully two feet over the walls. The building had an odd appearance and strongly resembled Swiss architecture. Information at this late day states the church was non-sectarian, and that the pioneer settlers gathered in this building dedicated to the "Glory of God" about once every month, or oftener if a minister chanced to come along who would preach the word to them. In 1902 the last services were held in the building

by one Rev. Mr. Alexander, a Baptist Minister. During the winter of 1909-10 the church was torn down but the foundation of it is still intact. This church stood distant about three city squares from the River cemetery, at Fisher's Ferry. Most of the settlers who worshipped there are buried in the River cemetery. Probably there are several hundred buried there who have no tombstones to record their names or the dates of their birth and departure from this life. Yet they did their share in the settlement of the district, and much for the good of their posterity, and they should not be forgotten.

**PETER C. KUZMICZ**, who is engaged in business at No. 427 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, is making a substantial position for himself as a high-class tailor and has prospered by hard work and satisfactory service. He is a native of Galicia, Austria, born March 12, 1874, and his father, Stephen Kuzmiec, was a blacksmith in Austria where he lived and died. Only two of the family came to America, Peter C. and his sister Amelia, who lives at Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Mr. Kuzmiec attended school in his native land and there learned the trade of tailor. He landed at New York City in 1895 and came at once to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he was engaged in work at his trade as journeyman for a few years before opening an establishment of his own. He commenced business on his own account in 1901, at his present location, and has been successful from the start, his work at present keeping from ten to fifteen men busy. In addition to custom tailoring he does cleaning and pressing, and his patronage has been growing steadily, his customers including some of the best people in Shamokin. He has a high reputation for satisfactory work and is conscientious in filling orders of all kinds, his skill and neatness winning and holding custom and being his best recommendation. He is a good citizen of his adopted home, industrious and thrifty, and has good standing among his fellow countrymen in Shamokin.

Mr. Kuzmiec married Katie Anderson, of Shamokin, a daughter of Anthony Anderson, the latter a native of Germany. Two children have been born to this marriage: Rosie and Stephen. Mr. Kuzmiec is a member of the Ruthenian Catholic Church and active in its work and in the church societies. In politics he is a Republican.

**GEORGE C. MEISER**, who has the leading livery business in the borough of Sunbury, was born Sept. 18, 1884, in Snyder county, Pa., where the family has long been established. He came to Sunbury in 1903.

Henry Meiser, his grandfather, was born in or near Fremont, Snyder county, and was a lifelong





farmer, dying upon his farm, which is now owned by Charles Spoots. It consisted of about 120 acres. He was a member of Grubb's Lutheran Church, where he is buried, and his wife, Rebecca, who survived him, is also interred there. They had the following children: Henry, who lived and died at Fremont, Pa.; Alice, who married John Seiler and lives at McKee's Half Falls, Pa.; Fred, living out West; Joel, of Oriental, Pa.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Reinhart, who lived at Independence, Pa.; Benjamin, who lived and died out West; and Jonathan.

Jonathan Meiser, son of Henry, was born Feb. 25, 1849, on the homestead farm near Fremont, Snyder county, and like his father followed farming, until he met with a disastrous loss by fire, about twelve years before his death. His barn took fire and was burned with all the year's crops, implements and live stock, including nine horses, a number of cattle, sheep and poultry, and as there was no insurance on any of the property the loss was so heavy that Mr. Meiser never recovered financially. Afterward, until his death, he worked for others. He was a man who had by his industrious and upright life won the respect of all who knew him, and he had the sympathy of the entire community in his misfortune. He died four miles northeast of Fremont, June 28, 1901, aged fifty-two years, and is buried at Troutman's Evangelical Church, where he was a member. His wife, Sarah (Snyder), who survives him, and is still living near Fremont, was a daughter of David Snyder, of Herndon, Pa. Mrs. Meiser is now (1911) fifty-one years old. They were the parents of nine children: Mary, wife of Oliver Walter, of Middleburg, Pa.; Jennie, married to Dory Haupt, a butcher of Shamokin, Pa.; George C.; Edward, of Snyder-town, Pa.; Ammon, of Shamokin; Reilly, of Snyder county; Clarence, of Snyder county; a son that died in infancy, twin to Clarence; and Deila, of Shamokin.

George C. Meiser attended the public schools of the home district and was reared to farming until he was twelve years old, at which time he went to Shamokin to begin learning the butcher trade. He followed that business for about ten years, being obliged to abandon it on account of ill health, and in 1903 he came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Upon settling in the borough he began draying, at which he was engaged for five years, in 1907 commencing the livery business, in which he has been very successful. He now has the leading establishment of the kind in the city, keeping twelve horses. Mr. Meiser has first-class equipment in every particular, owning fine teams and having all the facilities for giving excellent service to his patrons, and he provides vehicles for most of the local funerals. His business-like methods and reliable character have been the principal factors in the development of his business, which

has reached profitable proportions, and he is regarded as one of the most enterprising and honorable young business men in the city.

On April 7, 1910, Mr. Meiser married Sue Kerstetter, daughter of Reilly Kerstetter, of Sunbury. He is a member of Fire Company No. 1, of Sunbury.

THEODORE MINER, who lives at Sagon, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, is employed as teamster at the Hickory Ridge colliery and has been there engaged in that capacity for over twenty years. He is an industrious, respected citizen of the neighborhood. Mr. Miner was born in Columbia county, Pa., May 27, 1847, son of Peter Miner. His grandfather was born in Germany and died in Columbia county.

Peter Miner was a cooper, and in his time flour was shipped in barrels. He followed his trade for quite a while, but later took up farming. He died at a ripe old age and was buried at Roaring Creek forty years ago. His wife, Rebecca (Marks), was also of that county, and they had a family of six children, Theodore being the only son. They were: Elizabeth married Joseph Gaumer, and resided in Catawissa township, Columbia county; Jane married Jacob Artley, who died several years ago, and resided in Franklin township, Columbia county; Caroline married John Mason, a Civil war veteran, and removed to Hazleton, Luzerne county; Theodore will be mentioned below; Alice and Emma were twins; Emma married Frank Magill, had a large family and moved to Luzerne county, where he died; Alice married Hon. W. C. Kerbaugh, who served as representative at Harrisburg.

Theodore Miner received his education in the public schools of Locust township, Columbia county. When he commenced to make his own way he worked at farming but later learned the milling trade at "Mendenhall's" mill, under the tutelage of the famous Moses McHenry. Getting a position with the Kulp, McWilliams & McConnell Company, he worked several years, going as farmer for the same company for three years, and as a six-mule driver for another year. He then secured a position as teamster at Hickory Ridge, in 1887, which position he still holds, being a faithful employee and a reliable worker. He is a charter member of Washington Camp No. 619, P. O. S. of A., also of the Commandery; a member of the Independent Order of Americans; an honored old soldier and a citizen who has always commanded the respect of his fellow men. He has always been a faithful worker for the Republican party.

On Jan. 6, 1870, Mr. Miner married Catherine Price, daughter of Jonas and Rebecca Price, of Columbia county, and they had the following children: (1) Charles E. married Ellen H. Long, and their children are Robert Leroy (a base ball pitcher of some note), Claude E., Walter Linton,





Emma Catherine, Edna May, Charles Albert and Lester Earl. (2) Mary A. married A. R. Rephardt, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad. (3) Florence M. married John Weind, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Pottsville, and has three children, Mabel, Marvin L. and Ora. (4) Elmer E. married Elizabeth Moore and had children, Marion E., Mary A., and Lillian N. The father, Elmer E. Miner, was accidentally shot and killed at Maysville. (5) C. Estella married George Grinaway and had children, Marlin W., Helen Irene and Dorothy A. Mr. Grinaway is also an engineer by trade and is at present postmaster at Sagon. He enlisted in the army and served his term in the Philippines. (6) Lillian died when thirteen days old. (7) Bessie married Ira Snyder, of Sunbury. (8) Howard L. is at home.

**HARRY J. STRAUB**, of Shamokin, foreman of the Croninger Packing Company, was born at Trevorton, Pa., Feb. 16, 1873, son of Tobias Straub, and a descendant of good industrious German ancestry.

George Straub, his grandfather, was a farmer in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill County, where he had 260 acres of excellent land. He died in Deep Creek Valley in 1858, aged fifty-three years, and is buried there. He married Bevvie Zerbe, daughter of John Zerbe, and she died aged ninety-nine years, and is buried at Williamstown, Dauphin county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: John and George, who both died in Schuylkill county; Elias, who died at Shamokin; Joseph, who died at Girardville, Pa.; Daniel, living at Williamstown; Moses, who died young; Henry, who served in the Civil war and died one week after his release from Andersonville prison; Emanuel, born in the Mahantango Valley Nov. 5, 1843, who served in the Civil war in Company D, 48th Pa. V. I., and now lives at Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Crone, and died in Schuylkill county; and Tobias.

Tobias Straub, son of George and father of Harry J., was born in Schuylkill county, and for many years followed mining in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. He is now living at Wiconisco, Dauphin county, where he is employed at day's labor. He married Ellen Schughart, who died in 1904. Their children, besides Harry J., were: Agnes, who married James Tschopp, a carpenter by trade; George A., who was killed in the mines when but fifteen years of age; and Sallie, who died in infancy.

Harry J. Straub attended the public schools of Williams Valley, and was only a lad of eight years when he began picking slate at the mines. Later he was engaged as a miner, being the youngest miner at that time in the Sterling colliery. He worked in the mines for eight years, and then became a driver for J. S. Reitz & Co., of Shamokin,

the predecessors of the Croninger Packing Company. He drove the team for seven years, and on April 5, 1899, was made foreman of the large plant. He is conscientious and thorough in all that he undertakes, and he well deserves all the credit for the position he has attained and for the place he holds in the estimation of his employers and his fellow employees.

Mr. Straub married Ada Hoffman, daughter of Thomas Hoffman, of Bear Gap. Their home has been blessed by children as follows: George A.; Charles W.; J. Ellsworth; Melvin G.; Alma N.; and Ruth, who died in infancy. In his political principles Mr. Straub is a Republican, but he has never taken much active part in party work. He is a charter member of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 1092, I. O. O. F., of Shamokin. With his family he attends the United Evangelical Church.

**PAUL KLINGER**, inside breaker boss at the Cameron colliery, Shamokin, has been engaged there since 1888, and his entire experience in the mines covers a period of forty-four years. He is a native of Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., born Jan. 25, 1856, son of Edward B. Klinger and grandson of Jacob Klinger, and he comes of an old family of that county, his great-grandfather having lived in Deep Creek Valley, in Barry township, where he died.

Jacob Klinger followed farming on the homestead in Deep Creek Valley and died there at the age of seventy-one years. He is buried in the U. B. cemetery in that township. He was twice married, his second wife being a Bixler, and his children were: Benneville, Edward B., Isaac, Hannah (married David Knarr) and Lydia (married William Minnier, and residing in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county).

Edward B. Klinger, son of Jacob, was born in 1833 at the homestead in Schuylkill county, and died in October, 1902; he is buried at the same place as his father. For several years he followed saw-milling. During the Civil war he enlisted, at Pottsville, serving with Company E, 113th Regiment, and after the war, in April, 1866, he moved to Shamokin, where he found employment at the mines, doing outside work. He was a member of the G. A. R. post at Shamokin and of the Lodge of United American Mechanics. Seven children were born to him and his wife Elizabeth (Derr): Emanuel B., who is living in Coal township, Northumberland county; Daniel D., also living in Coal township; Edward D., deceased; Pierce F., who lives at Second and Walnut streets, Shamokin; Paul; Joseph, whose residence is at Second and Independence streets, Shamokin; and Hannah, wife of Henry Welker.

Paul Klinger attended school in his native township until the family came to Shamokin, during his boyhood. About that time he began work at



the mines, as a slate picker for Heim & Goodwill, and he has done this kind of work ever since, having been at the Cameron mine since 1888, the greater part of that time as boss over different gangs. Mr. Klinger also has a grocery store at No. 915 West Walnut street, Shamokin, where he resides. He is a thrifty, intelligent and substantial citizen. Outside of his work he takes great interest in the welfare of the United Brethren Church, of which he has long been a most active member, having served as chorister, trustee, class leader, Sunday school teacher, treasurer and superintendent; he was president of the board of trustees during the rebuilding of the church. All his family are active members of the Sunday school. Since 1880 Mr. Klinger has been a member of Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., and he is well known in the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he is a past chief.

In 1876 Mr. Klinger married Emma A. Cremer, daughter of George and Susan (Zimmerman) Cremer, and eight children have blessed this union, namely: James H., who is deceased; Charles W., who married Gertrude Menidol; Susan E., at home; F. Blanch, at home; Dora H., wife of Reginald Berkheiser; Herbert H.; Lillian M., deceased; and Hester L.

John R. Cremer, grandfather of Mrs. Paul Klinger, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and later settled at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he died. He served in the Revolutionary war. His children were: Reuben, Andrew, Lydia, Catharine, Susanna, George and Louisa.

George Cremer, father of Mrs. Klinger, lived at Bloomsburg, and followed boating, also doing day's work. He married Susan Zimmerman, and their children were: Emma A. (Mrs. Klinger), James (living at Shamokin), Margaret, Lenora and Rachel.

**HOWARD BUYERS.** of Sunbury, foreman of the construction gang for the Susquehanna Silk Mills, is a descendant of two of the oldest settled families of this section of the county, being a son of John and Mary Alice (Painter) Buyers.

The Buyers family in this country is traced back to John Buyers, who with his wife Letitia (Patton) emigrated from Monaghan, County Monaghan, in the North of Ireland, in 1735 or 1736, and settled in the Pequea valley, in Lancaster county, Pa. He was a farmer by occupation, and there passed the remainder of his days, being buried in Lancaster county. He had a large family, and his posterity is still numerous in that section.

John Buyers, son of John and Letitia (Patton) Buyers, was born in Lancaster county June 9, 1749, and learned the trade of carpenter. He removed to Sunbury, Northumberland county, shortly after that place was laid out, and was engaged upon the erection of many of the first houses, in-

cluding the old jail building on Market street. He first resided at the southeast corner of Race and Second streets, several years later removing to the southeast corner of Penn and Front streets, where he began merchandising. In 1796 he built a brick residence and store room on the opposite corner of Penn street, continuing business there until 1814 or 1815. At the time of his death he lived along the river below the site of Blank & Gottshall's mill, in the brick house which he had erected. He owned what was known as "Buyers Island" in the Susquehanna river, south of Sunbury, which contains about ninety-five acres of fertile land, this property remaining in the Buyers name for 115 years. Mr. Buyers was prominent as a local official for many years, his name in that connection first appearing in 1776, as overseer of the poor in Augusta township; on Sept. 28, 1780, he was commissioned justice of the peace, serving also as justice of the county court, and frequently presiding in the absence of the regularly commissioned president. On Sept. 1, 1791, he was commissioned justice of the peace for Sunbury and Augusta township, serving as such some years. On Dec. 31, 1784, and on Jan. 3, 1786, he was elected county treasurer, filling that office again later, in 1787-88. From 1800 to 1808, inclusive, he was county auditor. He died at Sunbury May 5, 1821. Mr. Buyers was a Presbyterian in religious faith.

John Buyers married Ann Fullerton, daughter of William Fullerton, and she died Oct. 30, 1808, in her fifty-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Buyers are buried in the South Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. They had a family of ten children: Margaret, Letitia, John, William F., Sallie, Robert, Samuel, George P., Alexander F. and Jeremiah.

William F. Buyers, son of John and Ann (Fullerton) Buyers, was born Jan. 12, 1782, at Sunbury, and learned the printing business with Breyvogel. In Kennedy's *Gazette* of Oct. 26, 1801, the statement is made that "William Buyers has now established a printing office at Williamsport," from which it is evident that he entered upon his career as a newspaper publisher immediately after completing his apprenticeship. His paper was the *Williamsport Gazette*, the pioneer newspaper of Lycoming county, Pa., which he continued to publish, under many difficulties and often irregularly, until 1808. Returning to Sunbury, which had been without a paper since the suspension of its first journal, *Der Freiheitsvogel*, he started the second paper at that place, *The Times*, in the summer of 1812. It is said that he retired at the end of three years, but this seems improbable, as he certainly published the paper in 1816 and 1817. During the war of 1812 he commanded a company in the 77th Regiment of Pennsylvania militia. In 1815-18 he served as commissioner of Northumberland county. In 1816 he was a Federal Republican candidate for Congress, but





was defeated. The issue of his paper for Sept. 26, 1816, shows a four-column folio, 18 inches long and 11 inches wide, and as the Congressional election was to be held the following month the number was replete with political articles. It is likely Captain Buyers published *The Times* throughout the period it was continued under that name. His printing office was in the second story of the "state house," which occupied the site of the present courthouse, and he was also located in a small frame building on the west side of Second street, at the corner of Barberry alley, where the "Neff House" stable now stands. Mr. Buyers died June 27, 1821, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. On Dec. 13, 1815, he married Martha Hunter, who was born Jan. 5, 1792, daughter of Alexander Hunter, and a descendant of Col. Samuel Hunter. Two children were born to them, Ann M., born Sept. 6, 1816, died May 9, 1853, and William D., born Jan. 5, 1819, who died March 25, 1853, neither of whom ever married, both dying after reaching maturity. George Patton Buyers, son of John and Ann (Fullerton) Buyers, was engaged in boating on the river before the construction of the canal. He then built a canal-boat, which he ran between Sunbury and Philadelphia. He married Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers, widow of his brother William F. Buyers, and to them were born three children: John; Hunter, who lived at Sunbury and died unmarried; and Mary, who married Latrobe B. Reed and is buried at the South Fourth street cemetery in Sunbury. Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers died June 6, 1854.

John Buyers, son of George Patton Buyers, was born in December, 1827, in Sunbury, and lived on Buyers Island for eighteen years, engaged in farming. He moved to the island in 1869 and thence in 1887 to Selinsgrove, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in April, 1908, in his eighty-first year. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. In his earlier life Mr. Buyers was a merchant in Sunbury for a time, and later cultivated one of the Hunter farms, until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he raised Company I, 58th Pennsylvania Volunteers, for the Union service, becoming the first captain of that organization, which was known as the Augusta Rangers. He was in active service in command of this company from October, 1861, to the summer of 1863; his drummer boy, John Mullen, who managed to get into the service when fourteen years old, is still living. Mr. Buyers was a man of typical military appearance, weighed 160 pounds, and was of medium build and straight as an arrow. He was officially connected with the old state militia, and he was a member of Good Intent Fire Company. His neighbors and friends held him in high esteem, and he was called upon to fill township office. But for the last twenty-five

years of his life he spent most of his time reading, enjoying newspapers and books, and he became unusually well informed. In religion he was a strict Presbyterian.

Mr. Buyers married Mary Alice Painter, daughter of Jacob Painter, of Sunbury, and they became the parents of nine children: William, who died when a boy; John, who lives in Texas; Heber, who died at Fort Concho, Texas; Mary H., who married Rev. William P. Taylor, a Methodist minister, and died in Delaware, where her husband was then stationed; Howard; Kate R., unmarried, living at Selinsgrove; Harris P., of Sunbury; Rev. Frank C., a Methodist minister stationed at Lock Haven, Pa.; and Emily A., unmarried, who lives at Sunbury.

Howard Buyers was born March 25, 1862, and was reared at home to farm life. He never attended public school, as the family lived on Buyers Island during his youth and the father instructed the children himself. They kept regular school hours, and as the father was a man of remarkable intelligence and well informed the children did not suffer for the lack of public school advantages. Mr. Buyers continued at farm work until after he was grown, and he learned electrical work, at which he is occupied in the Silk Mills when not busy on construction work. He has charge of the construction gang at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, having from ten to sixty men under his direction as the necessities of the work demand. He has a high reputation for efficiency, and enjoys the confidence of his employers fully.

In 1889 Mr. Buyers married Sallie Cool, a daughter of William Henry and Jane (Leisenring) Cool, who for years lived at Montandon, Northumberland county. They have two children: Anna Painter, who is taking the classical course at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.; and John Howard, who is a student in the Sunbury high school. Mr. Buyers and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Sunbury.

Col. Samuel Hunter, one of the maternal ancestors of the Buyers family above referred to, was born in 1732 in the North of Ireland. His military career began in 1760, on May 2d of which year he was commissioned lieutenant in Capt. Joseph Scott's company, Col. Hugh Mercer's battalion, of the Pennsylvania regiment. On Nov. 10, 1763, he became captain in Col. Turbutt Francis's battalion. He was at Fort Augusta in June, 1763, when the first intelligence of Pontiac's conspiracy was received, and initiated the measure subsequently carried out by Colonel Burd. for the defense of that post. The following year he joined Colonel Bouquet's expedition, but was again at Fort Augusta in 1768, and doubtless earlier. His home was north of the town. Quoting from an historical sketch of Sunbury: "The most extensive





addition to the original town plat is that part of the borough popularly known as Caketown. This land also formed part of the manor of Pomfret; it embraced the site of Fort Augusta, and was the residence of Col. Samuel Hunter until his death, although it does not appear that he ever acquired a proprietary interest. On April 10, 1786, John Penn, Jr., and John Penn executed a conveyance to William Wilson for 342 acres of land, 'the same place and tract of land whereon the late Colonel Hunter dwelt and part of the manor of Pomfret,' the consideration being 1,026 pounds specie. The purchaser was an American officer during the Revolution and associate judge of Northumberland county, 1792-1813 . . . On the 20th of October, 1790, he sold one moiety or undivided half part of this tract to Alexander Hunter; the other moiety was deeded to Mary Scott, June 17, 1811, at a nominal consideration, and from this time (or possibly at an earlier date), the land was known as the Hunter and Scott farms. The latter, embracing 140 acres, adjoined the original northern boundary of Sunbury borough; the former comprised 153 acres."

Colonel Hunter was a prominent man at Fort Augusta until his death, which occurred there April 10, 1784. On March 24, 1772, he was commissioned one of the first justices for Northumberland county, was elected to the Assembly from this county for 1772-73, was a member of the Committee of Safety (1775-76), and of the Council of Censors (1783); when the militia was organized at the outbreak of the Revolution he was elected colonel of the 1st Battalion, Feb. 8, 1776, was appointed county lieutenant, March 21, 1777, and reappointed April 6, 1780. In this responsible position he directed the movements of the local militia during the Revolution, and his official correspondence is so highly prized for accuracy and historical importance that it is preserved in the Pennsylvania Archives.

Col. Samuel Hunter married Susanna Scott, who survived him with two daughters, Nancy and Mary, the former marrying Alexander Hunter, the latter Samuel Scott.

Of the family of Alexander and Nancy (Hunter) Hunter we have no record positively complete, but various scattered records show that he died in June, 1810, and that his widow, Ann (Nancy), died Sept. 25, 1834. Continuing the quotation above made, regarding the Scott and Hunter farms, "the upper division, taken in execution as the property of Alexander Hunter at the suit of John Cowden, was sold at sheriff's sale on the 22d of April, 1814, and purchased by Thomas Grant. In compliance with his will, his executors and executrix, George, William and Deborah Grant, deeded it to Mrs. Nancy Hunter, widow of Alexander Hunter, October 16, 1817." Her will, made July 26, 1833, gave the farm to her son

Samuel, who was born Dec. 23, 1807, and died July 3, 1852, leaving the farm to his sisters Mary (born Nov. 14, 1798, died April 22, 1886) and Nancy (born July 16, 1803, died Feb. 21, 1859) and Elizabeth (wife of Henry Billington). Mary Hunter eventually acquired 106 acres of the tract, selling it to Benjamin Hendricks Aug. 9, 1859. On June 25, 1863, it was purchased from Mr. Hendricks by Joseph W. Cake. Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers, who married William F. Buyers and later his brother, George Patton Buyers, was also a daughter of Alexander and Ann (Hunter) Hunter.

The other daughter of Colonel Hunter, Mrs. Mary Scott, died intestate, and her property was divided among her children, Samuel H., Sarah (Mrs. Gobin, wife of Charles Gobin) and Susan. Samuel H. Scott also died intestate, his property going to his two sisters, who sold the farm to David Longenecker, of Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 4, 1854. It was acquired by Joseph W. Cake Aug. 23, 1859, and he founded Caketown on these two historic pieces of property.

A. O. CAWLEY, veterinarian, Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS M. MILES, of Milton, has been identified with the business life of that borough throughout the period of his residence there as general superintendent of the Milton Manufacturing Company, one of the most important industrial concerns of this section. Mr. Miles is a native of Howard, Center Co., Pa., born in 1858. His family is an old one in that part of the State, his grandfather, Alexander Miles, having also been born at Howard, where he died when Thomas M. Miles was a small boy. He was employed in the iron mills. His family consisted of the following children: Thomas, William, Robert, Kate (married Peter Tipple) and Rebecca (married H. Lucas).

Thomas Miles, son of Alexander, was born in 1828 at Howard, Center county, and followed iron working all his active life, becoming well known in his time in that connection. He died in 1904. His wife, Mary (McKenny), died in 1902, and they are buried at Bellefonte, Center county. They were the parents of children as follows: William, of Johnstown, Pa.; Thomas M.; John, of Milesburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of A. W. Rishel; Clara, wife of E. K. Adams; and Frank, who died in 1898.

Thomas M. Miles attended school at Howard and Milesburg. He has always been identified with the iron business since he began work, having first found employment in a rolling mill at Milesburg, Center county, where he remained until he reached the age of eighteen. He then went to Berwick, Pa., where he remained until his removal



to Milton, in 1887, to take the position of general superintendent of the Milton Manufacturing Company, an incumbency in which he is still serving. His long experience in the business and at this particular plant has made him a valuable man in the place, and his work is highly appreciated. Mr. Miles has seven hundred employees to look after, and his responsibilities are well managed. He has kept up with the growth of the plant, and, indeed, has furthered it by his efficient management, so that he may justly be said to have had a part in the upbuilding of one of Milton's most extensive manufacturing establishments, one which vitally affects her general welfare. He is well

known in the local fraternal bodies, holding membership in the I. O. O. F., the Encampment, the K. G. E. and the Royal Arcanum.

On Dec. 25, 1879, Mr. Miles was married to Clara Gensel, daughter of Samuel and Mary J. Gensel, of Berwick, Pa., and they have had three sons: Oscar, who is employed by the Milton Manufacturing Company; Frank, who is now a student at State College; and Charles, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The family home is a beautiful residence at No. 342 Front street, Milton. Mr. Miles is a member of the Methodist Church, of which he was an official for ten years.



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